

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Minutes of the 9th December 2003 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

The Local Channel (Item 4). The decision reached at the last meeting was endorsed.

6 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Meadow Lane bridge pending closure. A letter has now been received from the County Clerk of Works giving details of closure arrangements. The closure is scheduled for 1st March to 2nd May.

Highways Defect Reporting Line. The County have provided Freephone Roadline 0800 62 62 03 to enable potholes, defective street light etc to be easily reported and this facility is being extensively publicised.

Bus Shelter, Loughborough Road, Burton. The shelter has been erected but the suppliers brought insufficient material to complete the base. This work should be completed later this week and it was agreed to ask Boundaries to lay connecting pathways to the roadside footway at each end.

7 FINANCE

The auditors signed off last year's accounts just before Christmas with no comments or recommendations. Powergen have advised that energy prices are being increased, by about 7%. Mr Colin McDermott has advised that insurance for the proposed Youth Club is being arranged elsewhere.

Budget/Precept 2004/5. An Outturn Estimate and proposed Budget had been circulated with the Agenda.

After the view had been expressed that reserves held by the Council are too high, it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the minimum level of reserve be amended to £5000. The budget is based on recurring year on year expenditure and it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the precept be fixed at £10,000 for the coming year. Any non-revenue items will be met from reserves

In that category, Mrs Edmonds advised that the best quotation received for decoration of the Village Hall was £2750 and it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that this amount be allocated to that end. Before final authorisation, Mrs Edmonds will advise the intentions of the Playgroup as regards their wall posters. A decision regarding the proposed

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Hang Out shelter was again deferred as was consideration of planters and locally controlled street sweeping. Mr Shields felt that this latter activity could be funded from the reserves for a one year trial.

Due to the late hour, Items 8 Environment, 9 Parish Plan, 10 Village Hall, 11 Burial Ground/Allotments, 12 Playing Field, 13 Footpaths/Bridleways, 15 Miscellaneous and 16 Press Release were deferred, with the exception of the following:

It was noted that service buses were stopping in Burton in unauthorised places, compromising safety, and this will be reported.

Mr Elliott will speak to the local police officer about parking outside the garage/shop, which again constitutes a safety hazard.

Mrs Saunders was concerned at the unhelpful response from Charnwood regarding maintenance of the brook, particularly as recently sewage or other obnoxious matter had entered the brook and snagged on the vegetation. This will be reported to Mr Perkins.

14 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	332.07
K E Topham	telephone calls	9.33
Staples	paper	20.34)
-"	Epson cartridges	82.45)
-"	photocopying	20.49)
-"	HP cartridges	47.97)
Hacker Young	audit fee	293.75
S L C C	subscription	72.00
Severn Trent	water - B/ground	30.07)
-"	water - pavilion	54.90)
-"	water - allotments	9.38)
Linda Sutton	materials, M/Garden	26.38

The meeting closed at 10.50 p.m.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th December 2003, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mr J Elliott
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds (family bereavement), Mrs M Prior, Mr I Sharpe (both business), Mr R Shields (holiday).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the 11th November meeting be accepted as a true and correct record after the following amendment to line 6 of page 2613:

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replace with: "of the main hall"

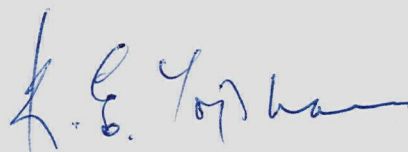
3 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mrs Saunders declared personal interests in matters concerning the Prestwold Estate, as Secretary of PERS and in P/03/3282 by reason of renting the paddock adjacent to this site.

The Clerk has supplied copy Minutes and other information requested by Mr Paul McGowan, Investigator with the Standards Board for England, in respect of the issue raised by Mr Topham previously.

4 MATTERS ARISING

'The Local Channel' (Item 4). Mrs Edmonds sent a note recommending against use of the 'The Local Channel' as she had found their sites slow to access because of the advertising content. She further recommends continued support of the present Burton-Cotes-Prestwold website but to maintain contact with the Leicestershire Rural Partnership who have offered assistance in setting up a local site. It was agreed to accept these recommendations and to review them further in January.



5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Burton. Melton Road Scheme. The Chairman has been advised that this work is now expected to take place in February next.

Meadow Lane. Cotes. Mr Chris Waterfield of the County Highways advises that Stanford Lane will be closed to through traffic when the Meadow Lane bridge closure takes place, in April/May next year. Alternative routes will be publicised. Mr Steve Wells of the Northern Highways office in Melton Mowbray will advise us of further details shortly.

Prestwold Lane. Prestwold. The Lane reopened on Friday 5th December, the closure having overrun by four weeks.

Bus Shelter. Loughborough Road. Burton. The suppliers advise that they cannot install the shelter until w/c 5th January, due to shortage of installation staff.

Community Transport. It seems that there was no support for the 'accessible' Saturday service to Loughborough from any of the designated villages in the first four weeks. Hazel Fish of the RCC is organising further publicity to increase awareness of the service.

6 PLANNING

Prestwold Estate issues. Mr Peter Blitz of Charnwood Development Control confirms that he has received the Noise Assessment report from Andrew Granger. It is mainly diagrammatic and he has asked for more details of the size and shape of the proposed bunds and acoustic fences. He intends to reconsult once this is received.

P/03/2075 - retention of Cattle Barn. Manor Farm. Burton. Response to this further consultation was required by 3rd December and, after consulting Mr Paul Sutton, the Tree Warden and Mr Stuart McDonald of 47 Barrow Road, the Chairman authorised a response to this landscape and landscape management plan, as required by Conditions 6 and 8, incorporating the Tree Warden's comments.

P/03/3282 - outline application for residential development at Melton Road/Brook Street. Burton (Mr T Hubbard). This fresh application is identical to the previous P/03/2192 but accompanied this time by a letter from the agents, Mather Jamie, which addresses a number of the issues previously queried. In addition, a Statement of Design Principles has been lodged by Mather Jamie and a summary of this document together with a copy of the Mather Jamie letter had been circulated to Members. Written comments from Mr Shields were read.

It was noted that the applicants intend to resist any contribution towards

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traffic calming and the Borough will be advised that this is unacceptable. They will be reminded that the Local Plan requires that a contribution be negotiated and specific reference will be made to the need for a roundabout at Melton Road/Wymeswold Lane and for speed reduction on Barrow Road near the Primary School. It will also be pointed out that the reference to 36 - 38A Brook Street should be to 36 - 38A Melton Road and that the reference should be further extended to include 48 Melton Road.

No comment will be made on the proposals for Public Art. A copy letter from Mr & Mrs Oakland of 23 Brook Street was noted.

P/03/3360 - erection of conservatory to rear of 16 Melton Road, Burton (Mr W English). There was no objection.

7 ENVIRONMENT

Street Lighting. It has been established that FCH Housing and Care are the successors to Loughborough & District Housing Association and they have been advised of the damaged street light in Towles Fields.

'Hang Out' Youth Shelter. This item was deferred until January at Mrs Saunders' request, to enable further enquiries to be made.

CBC Consultation on Budget Priorities and Recycling. This consultation expired prior to this meeting and the Chairman gave his personal view that more needed to be done to extend the range of materials collected for recycling. The consultation has now been extended but it was felt that the issues are too complex for decision at this level and the Council will endorse the comments of the Chairman.

The Brook, Brook Street, Burton. Mrs Saunders advised that the banks have not been cut back since July and there has been material swept down to the grating from higher up. A strong protest will be made to the Borough Council about this situation and its attendant dangers.

Public Seat, Melton Road/Wymeswold Lane, Burton. This seat has been daubed with marker pen graffiti. Mr Peter Harrison will be asked to attend to it.

Seymour Road, Burton. Mr Elliott advised that P.C. Wharton intends to come out when he is on night duty to look at the parking and associated problems.

8 PARISH PLAN

Ms Hazel Fish telephoned the Clerk to express concern about the hard line being taken by the Countryside Agency towards other Councils with regard to requests for further grant payments. The Clerk spoke to Ms Sarah Preston

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of the Agency who confirmed that the procedure for future drawdowns is as previously understood. He has kept in touch with the Steering Group about these issues throughout the project and immediately before this meeting Mr John Stead, the Treasurer, supplied a revised budget showing the total planned expenditure unchanged other than some movement between categories.

9 VILLAGE HALL

Powergen finally responded to approaches by refunding £142.57 for gas and £210.97 for electricity. They have agreed to reduce the monthly direct debits for gas from £37.00 to £15.00 and for electricity from £41.00 to £15.00. Whilst the scale of these adjustments is somewhat surprising, it was agreed to see how the situation develops in the coming months.

In view of Mrs Edmonds' absence, the Clerk's report on the first Management Committee meeting he attended was held over.

Mrs Edmonds sent in a specification for works to the Hall drawn up by Mr John Barnett which has been issued to three companies. A copy will be circulated. Details of repainting costs will be forwarded as soon as possible.

10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

Three quotations had been received for felling the lime tree at the Burial Ground and it was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the lowest, from Oakdale Tree Surgery for £400.00, be accepted. £500.00 has been allocated in the budget.

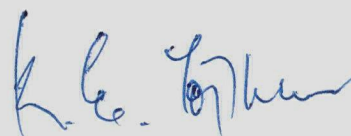
11 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that she will be resigning as Secretary (after 17 years) in May. As yet there has been no volunteer to succeed her. The Summer Fete is under threat unless more volunteers come forward. Mr Elliott advised his willingness to participate. A Public Meeting is to be held in February to draw attention to these issues.

A summary of the three quotations received for ground maintenance was distributed to members. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the lowest quotation, from Roma Landscapes, be accepted.

12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mrs Saunders suggested that, with the likelihood of outline permission being granted for the pig farm development, the opportunity should be taken to request the removal of the redundant stiles on the Brook Street/Wymeswold Lane footpath.



13 FINANCE

A Youth Club is in process of being formed to meet in the Village Hall and Mr Colin McDermott has asked whether the Council would be prepared to meet the cost of insurance. Whilst Members were not unsympathetic, more information regarding the desired cover is required to see how this relates to existing Parish Council and Village Hall policies.

The Capital Reserve Account has now been closed and the balance transferred to the new Bonus Saver Account. End November balances totalled £15,269.21.

The Clerk will present a draft budget to the next meeting, when next year's precept must be decided. An amount of £100 will be provisionally added to revenue expenditure for Youth Club insurance and, at Mr Shields' suggestion, an amount for locally controlled road sweeping. Capital projects for consideration will include Village Hall refurbishment, Notice Boards, Planter troughs and the Youth 'Hangout'.

14 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the annual subscription to International Tree Foundation be discontinued, as being inconsistent with the Council's policy towards support for organisations other than those relating to local government and Council responsibilities.

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

signed since last meeting:

Paul Sutton	VDS expenses	56.80
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for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	325.26
B. of Charnwood	election expenses	107.49
AARPC	admin. costs	5.00

15 MISCELLANEOUS

The **2004 Electoral Registers** have been received showing very little change in the electorate:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Burton	787	790
Cotes	31	31
Prestwold	<u>59</u>	<u>60</u>
	877	881

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An **APLC consultation document** on future development of that Association had been circulated but it was agreed to take no action. An **APLC Training and Quality Status document** will be circulated. No action will be taken on a **Victim Support appeal**.

16 PRESS RELEASE

Stanford Lane closure, Airfield news, bus shelter delay, pig farm decision, Register of Electors, seasonal greetings.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th November 2003, commencing 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds - items 4 - 5 (where shown) and 9
Mr J Elliott
Mrs M Prior
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mr R Shields
Mrs L Spicer

In attendance Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) , items 1 - 5.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none, all members being present as shown.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the 14th October Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record after the following addition to the second paragraph of Item 3 (Disclosure of Interests) - "He pointed out that the reference to the Standards Board was made by him as an individual Councillor and not by the Council itself, in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Conduct."

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mrs Saunders declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Prestwold Estate, as Secretary of PERS.

The Clerk has been contacted by Mr Benn Spicer requesting copy Minutes and Members' entries in the Register of Interests, which will be supplied. The Clerk has also been advised by an Investigator for the Standards Board that he may be asked some questions about the issue which Mr Topham raised once the papers have been looked at.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Policing Issues (item 2). PC Chris Wharton has now commenced his duties on Beat 7 and made himself known to residents in Burton on his first day on patrol.

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'The Local Channel' (item 4). *(This item was taken out of sequence, after Item 5.)* Mrs Edmonds advised that Tom Dijkstra intends to continue the Burton local website, in succession to Rod Ward. Her first inclination is to recommend that the Council continues to utilise this site. A further letter has been received from The Local Channel and it was agreed that Mrs Edmonds should check some of the sites they claim to have opened on behalf of various parishes before making a final recommendation.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Burton, Melton Road scheme. Councillor Kershaw advised that implementation is now scheduled for sometime in January, duration four weeks. Copies of letters from Mr Bruce Jamieson to Messrs Hindley and Phillipson of BURSAG will be circulated.

Meadow Lane, Cotes. Mrs Gaynor Byass has written enclosing copy letter from Mr Waterfield of County Highways regarding proposed closure of the Meadow Lane railway bridge, outside Loughborough, in April next. It is feared that this will again result in Meadow Lane being used as a 'rat run', as happened earlier this year when the Nottingham Road rail bridge was closed for many weeks. It was agreed to write to Mr Waterfield expressing concern and asking to be kept advised.

Prestwold Lane, Prestwold. The current resurfacing works are proceeding very slowly and look set to overrun the allocated seven week duration. Councillor Kershaw advised that there are many road schemes competing for funding next year but he will press for the inclusion of the Prestwold 40 mph project.

Mrs Edmonds arrived at this point.

Bus Shelter. The installation date is still awaited.

Barrow Road, Burton. Councillor Kershaw advised that 20 mph trials outside various Leicestershire schools have yielded disappointing results. It may be that chicanes or raised tables would be more effective and he is continuing to monitor the situation with Burton school in mind.

Community Transport. An 'accessible' service from Wolds villages to Loughborough on Saturday mornings for those who find it difficult to use the commercial service commenced on 1st November. Flyers were delivered to all households but there is no indication of the level of take up, as yet.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/03/0965 - erection of four detached houses and garages on the paddock, Burton Hall. Planning permission was finally granted on 10th October and work has commenced.

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P/03/2192 - outline application for residential development at **Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton (Mr. T Hubbard)**. Permission was refused on 21st October on a number of grounds related to lack of sufficient detail in the application.

It was noted that there had recently been incidents involving burning tyres noted by Beverly Green of Environmental Health Services who intends to rake action. There had also been a fire involving parked vehicles on the Pig Farm site.

P/03/3028 - erection of Carport with two bedrooms over to side of **4 Back Lane, Cotes (Mr M Wallis)**. There was no objection.

P/03/3010 - erection of two storey extension to side and conservatory to rear of **9 St Marys Close, Burton** and change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage **(Mr & Mrs K Brown)**. It was noted that the change of use encroaches upon land outside the agreed Burton village 'envelope'. Mr Shields proposed and Mrs Saunders seconded that an objection be raised on the grounds that the extensions and conservatory constitute overdevelopment and the extension of the curtilage intrudes on protected countryside. An amendment by Mr Elliott that only the second part of this objection be cited was not seconded and the original proposal was carried.

Enforcement - Estate Agents' signs. Mrs Louise Forman, newly appointed Planning Enforcement Officer advises that the boards have been removed and no further action will be taken. There was no acknowledgment of our letters to the Estate Agents involved and it is not known whether removal of the signs was in response to complaints or whether they had served their purpose with sale of the properties.

Prestwold Estate issues. These were considered under Item 8, report on the Liaison Committee meeting.

8 ENVIRONMENT

Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield Liaison Group. The Clerk summarised the meeting held on 4th November which the Chairman, Mrs Saunders and he attended on behalf of the Council. The Estate have commissioned a study by W S Atkins for a comprehensive acoustic bunding/fencing scheme, all located within the airfield boundaries. This should be ready in about a fortnight and in the meantime the original bund application and the promotional events planning application continue on hold. Should the scheme meet with approval it will have to be phased in and it was confirmed that protection for Burton residents would be first priority. A temporary scheme of straw bales is said to have reduced noise already on Wymeswold Road. Mr Blitz confirmed that he is concerned about the continuing delay to the promotional events application and wants to see

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progress before Christmas. He remains unwilling to take enforcement action and is of the opinion that noise containment will be the best solution since Conditions limiting noise emissions are difficult to enforce.

Mr Farnham of Everyman had received copies of noise complaints from Beverly Green but seemed intent on playing them down. Everyman supplied a copy of their programme of events for the second half of the year and advised that they are contemplating motor cycle activities. Mr Blitz said that it was difficult to assess the limits of current permissions. The Estate intend to have more concerts along the lines of the noisy 'Sounds of the Seventies' and it was emphasised that that event was too intrusive and attention needs to be given to directing sound away from Burton, although this was not a unanimous view amongst those representing this Council. The Chairman objected to proposed cycling events on Sundays, as being potentially the thin end of the wedge leading towards other Sunday events.

After discussion it was agreed to await the Atkins report before taking any action. Mr Sharpe believes that the acoustic expert who analysed the previous report will be prepared to do so again. He indicated that the permissibility or otherwise of the new track should still be a live issue, depending on how other things develop.

Dog Glove Dispenser. This was vandalised and the contents strewn around soon after installation. It has been restored to use, somewhat battered. The Police were advised.

Water Leakage, Seymour Road, Burton. This has now been repaired.

Street Cleansing. A team spent some time sweeping leaves in Burton at the end of October. The mechanical sweeper is due this week and a man will accompany it to sweep the footway. An Inspector will check the quality of work.

Community Safety Lighting. Following last month's agenda item, a resident drew attention to inadequate lighting at Seymour Road/Brook Street junction in Burton and the Borough have been asked to add this to their list.

It was also noted that a street light on Towles Fields has lost its bowl and the bulb is broken. The County Council have made this safe but advise that the lamp post is not theirs. Enquiries will be made of the Loughborough Housing Association.

'Hang Out' Youth Shelter. A proposal from Mrs Saunders for provision of such a shelter in Burton village centre had been circulated, but, at her request, consideration was deferred until next meeting.

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8 PARISH PLAN

A letter has been received from Mr John Hindley inviting all Members to visit the Village Design Statement exhibition 'Burton in Focus' at the Village Hall on 15th November.

Mr Tony Edmonds has written with details of estimated VDS costs.

9 VILLAGE HALL

This item was taken out of sequence after Items 4/5 to enable Mrs Edmonds to leave the meeting afterwards.

Boundaries have laid fresh bark in the Garden at a cost somewhat higher than originally estimated, £92.88.

There has been no response from Powergen to requests for a refund on gas overpayments and for a revised (lower) bill for electricity. Since it is well outside their guaranteed five day response time, it was agreed to threaten to stop payments unless prompt action is taken.

Mrs Edmonds advised that that the recent 'Detour' show had been a great success and had sold out. There has been no meeting of the Management Committee and thus no response to the issues raised last time.

The position of delegate to the VHMC has remained unfilled since the Annual General Meeting and it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Clerk be appointed. Views had been expressed that

- the delegate should be a Councillor.
- the delegate should be from Burton but no Burton Councillor had come forward.

Mr Shields referred to the debate last month and expressed the view that the walls of the Hall had been taken over by the Playgroup to the detriment of other users. He noted that the internal decor has not been made good since installation of heating over a year ago and that there are issues concerning the floor and ceiling. He intends to propose at the budget meeting that Council balances are dramatically reduced but there is a need to see costed estimates from the VHMC to assess what support can be given as matched funding.

Mrs Edmonds advised that she had brought a phased priority list to the last Meeting and can bring it again. The priority is to attend to the structure, particularly the roof/ceiling before internal decoration. After discussion, the following resolutions were carried:

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proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Shields: that, as users of the Village Hall, members feel that the decor is too orientated towards the Playgroup and ought to be brought back to a balance more acceptable to general users.

proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Sharpe: that the VHMC be asked to obtain quotations for remedial decoration ~~below the dado~~, for submission to the Council.

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10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk will obtain fresh quotations for felling the dead lime tree at the Burial Ground for submission to the next meeting.

11 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that the Cricket Club plans for the pavilion extension envisage a separate entrance with no internal link to the present building. There has been further damage to the old roundabout which may be near the end of its life. A large scale unauthorised firework display caused damage to the hard surface near the tennis courts.

Quotations will be sought for ground maintenance next year from Roma, G & J Lambert and from a third supplier to be advised by Mrs Saunders. It needs to be made clear that the path behind the tennis courts is to be strimmed and the area around the trees kept clear.

12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There was nothing.

13 FINANCE

The end October bank balances totalled £15,590.00 Natwest Bank have now made their Capital Reserve Account unattractive with interest at only 0.75%. Instead they offer a Bonus Saver Account with 1.9% interest. Details had been circulated to members. Original identification is required from those members who did not recently supply it and the Account will be opened as soon as all this material is made available to the Clerk.

Charnwood advise that our share of election costs (the Parish seats having been uncontested) is £107.49. Members were asked to raise any issues requiring capital or exceptional expenditure in 2003/4 at the next Meeting, the last before the budget will be set. It was suggested that the various Notice Boards may need renewal.

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14 **CHEQUES**

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	397.34
Boundaries	mulch for Garden	92.88
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	162.15
Staples	office supplies	84.62
John Saunders	N/Watch copying	18.80
"-	Parish Plan postage	11.80
Barbara Stead	Parish Plan expenses	99.82
"-	"-	13.86

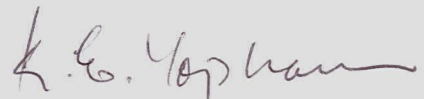
15 **MISCELLANEOUS**

Advice was noted of an **ABC Transport Partnership Meeting** on 26th November and of a Borough series of Public Consultations on **Budget Priorities and Recycling**, which had been circulated.

16 **PRESS RELEASE**

This will cover the Meadow Lane bridge closure and its potential impact on Cotes, the glove dispenser vandalism, a Liaison Committee report, street cleansing, the new accessible transport service, the Borough consultation and an invitation to tender for ground maintenance and tree felling.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.



MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 14th October 2003, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K E Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr J Elliott
Mrs M Prior
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Five Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Sharpe (business)
Mr R Shields (prior engagement)

2 POLICING ISSUES

The Chairman introduced **Inspector Ian Bratton**, recently appointed Commander of Quorn Local Policing Unit. Inspector Bratton gave a short presentation, highlighting significant year on year decreases in crime recorded on Beat 7, which includes our parishes, for September. The detection rate across the force is running at about 30%. The vacancy on Beat 7 has now been filled by PC Chris Wharton who starts on 28th October.

The Inspector then took questions from Councillors and Electors. These covered a number of issues, including traffic concerns and anti-social behaviour. He is an advocate of "reclaiming the streets" and of micro beats, which concentrate resources on identified trouble spots. He had not been aware of any problem areas on Beat 7 but took note of the problems which had been occurring in Burton, particularly around the Village Hall.

The Chairman, on behalf Members, thanked Inspector Bratton for meeting the Council so quickly and for his informative responses and comments.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the 9th September Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

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3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Mrs Saunders declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Prestwold Estate, as secretary of PERS.

The Chairman advised that the non-declaration of interests issue referred to last month still awaits a ruling from the Standards Board for England. He has asked for a speedy resolution. *He pointed out that the reference to the Standards Board was made by him as an individual Councillor and not by the Council itself, in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Conduct.*

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'The Local Channel' (Item 16). Mrs Edmonds will investigate and report to the next meeting.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

The Melton Road scheme was approved by the County Lead Members and the latest large scale drawings were put before the Council. All that is now required is a start date and Cllr Kershaw will be asked to do what he can to speed this up. A letter from Mr Paul Rushforth of Hall Drive regarding traffic calming will be circulated.

A letter from Mr Marshall of County Highways advises that Nottinghamshire County Council will not support the scheme for restricting HGV's in the cross-county zone including Cotes. However, a scheme for weight restriction between Cotes and Stanford on Soar will be considered and ranked in a priority list with a view to being introduced as soon as possible. It was agreed to wait three months before taking any further action.

An encouraging letter from Jason Peel, Technician with County Highways agrees with the proposal for a 40 mph limit on a section of Prestwold Lane and advises that Police reaction is positive. This is seen as complementary to other speed limit changes in Hoton. Whilst, again, this scheme will need to be ranked on the priorities listing and is not on any existing programme of works, it will be in contention for resources in 2004/5.

The Prestwold Lane road closure was delayed a week, commencing on 22nd September and little seems to have been done so far.

The bus shelter has been ordered and should be installed mid/end November. It was agreed to leave the linking of the base area to the main footway until after installation - flagstones may be the best answer.

Mr John Hindley has analysed the community transport data from the Parish Plan questionnaires and this has been passed on to Wymeswold Council who are coordinating on behalf of the Joint Councils. There has been quite a positive response with strong interest in links to Barrow upon Soar. A copy will be circulated.

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7 PLANNING

Prestwold Estate Issues. The agents for the Estate advise that they are working, with their consultants, on an alternative bund scheme to give noise protection all around without going outside the airfield boundaries. The 'promotional activities' planning application has still not been scheduled for decision. A request on 5th October to Mr Peter Blitz to progress the matter or take enforcement action remains unanswered but Councillor Sharpe has been advised that talks are taking place with the applicants to try to persuade them to modify their proposals to take account of objections raised.

Burton Hall paddock. We are advised that formal permission has still not been granted owing to problems with designated parking areas being used for an electricity sub-station.

P/03/2075 - Cattle Barn at Manor Farm, Burton. Mr Moffat, Borough Development Control Manager, advises that, as a result of the problems which arose over this application, procedures have been altered so as to give specific advice regarding publicity requirements. We have now been advised that retrospective permission was given, with Conditions, on 25th September.

P/03/2192 - outline application for residential development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton (Mr T Hubbard). This Application has still not been decided and Cllr Sharpe advises that this is because of a lack of response from the applicants to requests for further information.

P/03/2217 - double garage to front of 9 St Philips Road, Burton (Mr D F Jenkins). We are advised that this has now been refused because of proximity to protected trees.

P/03/2418 - insertion of Aga flue and reinstatement of original style windows, 34 Seymour Road, Burton (Dr E & Mrs A Close-Baker). This consultation had a closure date of 2nd October and no objection was raised.

P/03/2831 - extensions, conservatory and porch at 5 Mundy Close, Burton (M A Chaney). There was no objection to this proposal.

Enforcement - Estate Agents' signs. A further letter was sent to Mr Hartman on 3rd October asking for action now that the new Enforcement Officers have been recruited. The signs at Hall Drive have gone but there are two at Sowters Lane. It was agreed to write to the Estate Agents concerned asking them to remove the signs.

Charnwood Local Plan. A Statement of Decisions and Reasons for Objections to Proposed Further Modifications and Proposed Additional Modifications dated September has been received. Since these are the

same as had been received in July, when there were technical problems, and this Council's stance has been submitted many times, it was agreed that no action be taken on this occasion.

Heritage Wardens. The Wardens had sent a copy of their Minutes, which will be circulated, in which they ask for involvement in any consultations which involve tree screening, hedgerow planting, preservation or archeology. They will be advised that the Council will be happy to consult them, as it does now, on matters within their sphere of interest/expertise.

8 ENVIRONMENT

Prestwold Estate Liaison Meetings. A meeting has now been called for Tuesday 4th November, at 2.30 p.m. at the Estate Office. Mrs Edmonds is the Council's delegate and all members are welcome to attend.

Dog Glove Dispenser. This has now been installed, by Boundaries of Wymeswold. Mrs Saunders volunteered to keep an eye on it to ensure that it is refilled when necessary.

Water Leak, 11 Seymour Road, Burton. This still persists and there is a further danger from ice now that colder nights are upon us. Severn Trent will be reminded and County Highways advised of the ice danger.

Street Cleansing in Burton. There has been no response from the Head of Technical Services, Peter Rook, and Dr Tony Evans of Hall Drive has sent copy of a similar complaint he has made. B/Cllr Sharpe is also following this up. It was agreed to send a further, strong, letter to Mr Rook.

Airport Related Councils. The Chairman and Clerk attended the meeting on 2nd October. The Airport management have indicated, as part of a ten point plan progress report, that they will not formally reduce the 1500 metre tolerance on the departure tracks. They have, however, agreed to assess the proportion of departures flying the Daventry SIDS (the one that concerns us) within an 'inner tolerance' of 1200 metres. This may mean that the door is not completely closed.

Community Safety Lighting. A letter from the Charnwood Borough Policy Unit invites proposals for improved street lighting, by 23rd October. Any suggestions should be advised to the Clerk, to permit response by then.

Brook Street, Burton. It was noted that, although the County have recently cut the grass alongside the footpath, the Borough have not cleared the banks of the brook. This will be reported.

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9 PARISH PLAN

Minutes of the 2nd October meeting will be circulated. Mr John Stead has now been appointed Treasurer and he has reviewed budget and costs to date. The Countryside Agency have now confirmed that up to 20% of the original grant can be used towards VDS but that must come from savings elsewhere. As the Plan is behind schedule, the Countryside Agency have agreed to a three month extension, beyond 28th January 2004.

10 VILLAGE HALL

The edging to the Garden has been carried out by Boundaries and they have also installed the litter bin (at a reduced price of £20). The membrane is now showing through the bark in many places and it was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that Boundaries' offer to to supply three cubic metres of replacement bark at £80 be accepted.

At last a second gas reading has been received and the account is £142 in credit. A refund has been requested.

Mrs Edmonds provided responses to the Council's letters regarding maintenance of the Garden and refurbishment of the Hall. She had hoped to bring Mr John Barnett, a surveyor who is advising the Management Committee, with her but he was unavailable.

In the first case, clarity was sought as to the involvement of Roma Landscapes although it had already been made clear that the Council would prefer that volunteers undertook this work. Mrs Edmonds asked whether Roma's fee could be diverted to the volunteer group, in addition to the amount of up to £100 already committed. It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that maintenance of the Garden be removed from Roma's contract. It was accepted that the volunteer group may need paid help at times, with heavy or exceptional tasks. The Management Committee will again be asked to take on responsibility for the Garden with financial support from the Council as previously indicated, now that these issues have been clarified.

Mrs Edmonds then summarised the Committee's efforts as regards fundraising, with particular regard to the roof, for which a number of widely varying repair estimates have been received. She felt that the attitude of the Council towards the Committee was not encouraging. The Chairman pointed out that, following Mr Shields comments at the last meeting, the Council had taken the initiative in drawing attention to the lapse of more than two years since it had indicated possible future support for refurbishment and reminding the Committee of that offer. He had Mr Shields' authority to say that he feels the Council's reserves are too high and support could be given to Village Hall refurbishment, subject to properly costed proposals, supervision of funds and maximisation of grants from other bodies.

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It was agreed that the Management Committee should be advised accordingly.

11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The burial ground internal hedge has been cut by Roma but Mrs Saunders pointed out that the hedge facing Melton Road is overhanging and needs cutting. This is not part of Roma's contract but they will be asked to attend.

Moles have returned to the burial ground and Mr Peter Everitt-Stewart is attending.

Mr Phil Spencer advises that Brooksby College experts have checked the yew hedge at the Burial Ground entrance and say that it was diseased, not poisoned. Their advice is to dig out a good trench and replace the earth before replanting. He has asked them to quote for felling the lime tree.

Bentons have presented their bill for £100.00 for work re access to the allotments. On appeal, they have decided to withdraw the charge as a matter of goodwill and a letter of thanks will be sent.

12 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders will look at the current maintenance specification with a view to bringing any suggested amendments to the next meeting when next year's contract will be considered.

13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Sue Johnson has taken over Eddie McWilliam's role at the County Council and she found a large supply of our footpath guide on hand. She has placed some of these in the Garage shop and handed the rest over to the Clerk.

14 FINANCE

The second precept instalment has now been received, boosting funds to £16,526.71. There have been further bureaucratic complications with the bank mandate but everything now appears to be in order and the updated signatories should be in force shortly.

The half yearly Comparison to Budget was distributed, together with explanatory notes (copy with original Minutes). The Clerk advised that expenditure to date and projected forward should be comfortably within budget.

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15 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

signed since last meeting

Linda Sutton	parish plan	91.90
Paul Sutton	"	10.58
Peter Mitchell	"	10.98
Peter Shaw	"	9.80
Staples	printer cartridges	53.96
Rosemary Adams	parish plan	5.10

for signature tonight

K W Davies	salary/expenses	330.13
Glasdon UK Ltd	litter bins (PFA)	263.49
Boundaries	Garden edging etc	380.00

16 MISCELLANEOUS

The Countryside Agency has provided details of **100% Local Heritage Initiative grants**. The Heritage Wardens have been advised. Details were advised of the **County Service** and various **Charnwood Mayoral events**. Invitations to events from **PRIDE** and **Rukba** were noted. **A Notice of Application for Transfer of Licence** had been received from Six Hills International Hotel. **Smallman & Son Ltd** had written asking to be considered when tenders for sundry works are invited and it was agreed to list them accordingly.

17 PRESS RELEASE

Mr Geoff Parkinson is now the team member who will handle Burton items for the 'Link'. He has advised that, since this is the new team's first edition and the Council meeting is on the latest possible calendar date, he will not be able to report today's meeting in the current edition.

Items will include Inspector Bratton's visit, traffic news for Burton, Cotes and Prestwold, bus shelter, dog glove dispenser, the Airfield Liaison meeting, street cleansing and Village Hall matters.

18 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

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HALF YEAR COMPARISON TO BUDGET

		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance o/s</u>
RECEIPTS TO 30.9.03				
Rate precept		9,750.00	9,750.00	-
Allotment rents		280.00	290.00	(10.00)
Footpaths	A	140.00	-	140.00
Burial Ground		100.00	181.00	(81.00)
Bank Interest		100.00	79.00	21.00
Miscellaneous		10.00	8.00	2.00
TOTAL INCOME		<u>10,380.00</u>	<u>10,308.00</u>	<u>72.00</u>
PAYMENTS TO 30.9.03				
Clerk's salary		2,678.00	1,443.00	1,235.00
Clerk's travel		160.00	123.00	37.00
Office accommodation		350.00	175.00	175.00
Insurance premium		1,400.00	1,065.00	335.00
Telephone rental		180.00	83.00	97.00
Telephone calls		50.00	36.00	14.00
Postage		60.00	43.00	17.00
 Stationery, etc.		 450.00	 376.00	 74.00
 Subscriptions		 360.00	 268.00	 92.00
Audit fee		300.00	300.00	-
Election expenses	B	700.00	-	700.00
 SUB TOTAL ADMIN		 <u>6,688.00</u>	 <u>3,912.00</u>	 <u>2,776.00</u>
 Playing Field		 1,309.00	 1,086.00	 223.00
Village Hall		1,866.00	996.00	870.00
Open spaces		804.00	344.00	460.00
Miscellaneous	C	150.00	206.00	(56.00)
Non-recurring expenditure:				
Bus shelter		500.00	-	500.00
tree felling (Burial ground)	D	500.00	-	500.00
Parish plan	E	300.00	-	300.00
 TOTAL EXPENDITURE		 <u>12,117.00</u>	 <u>6,544.00</u>	 <u>5,573.00</u>
 SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		 <u>(1,737.00)</u>	 3,764.00	 5,501.00

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HALF YEAR COMPARISON TO BUDGET, 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- A) There has been no footpath expenditure so far this year.
- B) There was no election, although we shall, in time, receive a reduced charge from Charnwood Borough (four years ago it was £83).
- C) Miscellaneous expenditure is principally the Dog Glove Dispenser ((£161). The rest is training course/conference costs.
- D) We need to take a decision on whether to go ahead with the tree felling (the Lime on the Burial Ground).
- E) Our allocation of £300 towards Parish Plan costs is so far untouched. All expenditure to date (£1387) has come out of the Countryside Agency grant , first instalment, and we still hold the balance of this amounting to £703.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th September 2003 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K E Topham (Chairman)
Mr J Elliott
Mrs M Prior
Mrs R Saunders
Mr R Shields
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) [Items 1 - 6]
Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds (business)
Mr I Sharpe (Borough Council meeting - Mr Sharpe arrived for Items 15/17)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Minutes of the 12th August meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mrs Saunders declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Prestwold Estate, as Secretary of PERS.

The Chairman advised that, after taking advice from the Borough Monitoring Officer, he had referred the question of non-declaration of interests in Prestwold Estate matters by Mrs Prior and Mrs Spicer to the Standards Board for England, for adjudication. So far, only an acknowledgment has been received.

4 MATTERS ARISING

SLCC Quality Councils Conference. A reply has been received from Mr Nick Randle, Chief Executive of the SLCC expressing sympathy with our situation and indicating that the Society will advocate a review of the electoral mandate test but do not expect to have any success for a year or so.

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5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

There were five objections to the Melton Road scheme and this has led to some slippage in the timetable. Mr Clarke of the LCC advises that they are awaiting Cllr Kershaw's comments before putting the proposals to a Lead Members' Meeting on Monday next for final approval. Cllr Kershaw had with him a new drawing showing the amended scheme. Members indicated that they were happy for Cllr Kershaw to approve this scheme.

There has been no news of the Cotes issues and the Clerk will follow up for the next meeting.

Prestwold Lane is scheduled for seven weeks closure for resurfacing from 15th September. It was agreed to write to the Director of Highways formally requesting a 40 mph speed limit on Prestwold Lane.

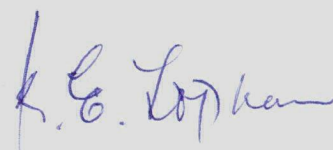
The Borough Council have confirmed in writing their share of funding for the Loughborough Road bus shelter, following Cllr Sharpe's intervention, at one third. The original indication had been 25%. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Queensbury Arun cantilever bus shelter previously selected be purchased at the indicated price of £2360 to include supply of the concrete base at £400, with further expenditure up to £500 for hard surface paths connecting the base to the Loughborough Road footway. A quote for the base from LCC of £2000 was rejected and ATB had declined to quote. The selected colour is holly green.

The recent Wolds Joint Councils meeting had looked again at Community Transport issues. Wymeswold Parish had agreed to coordinate analysis of local surveys and Mr John Hindley has undertaken to bring forward analysis of the community transport questions in the Parish Plan questionnaire so as to pass this on to Wymeswold by the beginning of November.

6 PLANNING

Prestwold Estate issues. The bund application is still on hold at the County Council and there is no news as to when the promotional events application (P/03/1604) will be heard by the Borough Council.

P/03/2075 - erection of Cattle Barn, Manor Farm, Burton (Mr J Pepper). A summary of events since the last meeting was distributed to members. Concern was expressed that, because of the failure of the Borough Planning Officers to draw the attention of the applicants to publicity requirements, neighbours had been denied the right to influence location of the barn. It was agreed that no objection would be lodged to the minor amendments now received, since any changes would involve the applicants in considerable expense through no fault of their own, but that a separate letter be sent to the Head of Planning Services. This will seek clarification of the publicity requirements for agricultural determinations,



including notification to neighbours, and ask for a review of procedures where such determinations are concerned.

P/03/2192 - outline application for residential development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton (Mr T Hubbard). A copy letter of objection has been received from the CPRE and circulated.

P/03/2477 - erection of barn (223 sq. metres) at Fox Covert Farm, Narrow Lane, Wymeswold (Mr R J Smith). This agricultural determination is amongst new applications received during week ended 3rd September but no details have been received. Further information will be sought although there is no indication that the matter is controversial.

Enforcement - Estate Agents' signs at Hall Drive, Burton. Cllr Sharpe has advised that the newly recruited Enforcement Officers are undergoing induction training before commencing their duties. Mrs Saunders advised that another sign has appeared at the foot of Sowters Lane.

7 ENVIRONMENT

Prestwold Estate Liaison Meetings. There has been no further response from the agents for the Estate.

Dog Glove Dispenser. This has now been received. Allsorts have not responded to the request for a quotation for installation. Other quotes will be sought, including Peter Shaw.

Seymour Road, Burton. Mr Philip Cox, Borough Environmental Health Technician, advises that the water leak from the Council property, No. 13, was cured by the Housing Department at the end of August. The leak from No. 11 needs to be resolved by the householder and by Severn Trent Water. Severn Trent have repaired a leak on their side of the meter but there is a further leak on the householder's side and they have issued a 14 day Section 75 notice to repair it. It is clean, domestic water.

Mr Elliott advised that the vehicle parking problems appear to have been resolved.

Street Cleansing in Burton. It was noted that the village is looking very dirty and footways do not appear to have been swept for a year. A formal complaint will be lodged with the Head of Technical Services.

8 PARISH PLAN

Minutes of the Public Meeting at which it was decided to go ahead with a Village Design Statement (VDS) have been received and will be circulated, as will a copy of the Borough Council's VDS guidance. The Clerk has

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exchanged correspondence with Mr Edmonds about the financial implications of this additional project and the need to remain within the parameters of the Countryside Agency grant.

9 VILLAGE HALL

Although Allsorts came out to look at the requirement for edging to the Garden, no quote has been forthcoming. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the quotation of £340 from Boundaries be accepted. They will be asked to reduce their quotation of £32 to install the litter bin.

There has been no response from the Management Committee as yet to the proposals for upkeep of the Garden. Mr Peter Harrison has corrected the weathervane and a letter of thanks will be sent.

It was noted that the appearance of the Village Hall both internally and externally has deteriorated and must be of concern to present and potential users. It was recalled that more than two years ago the insurers had stipulated a planned maintenance programme to ensure sympathetic treatment of claims and that the Council had taken the view then that its possible future financial support should be linked to such a programme. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Management Committee be asked what plans they have for redecoration and refurbishment.

10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The Burial Ground hedge needs cutting and Roma will be advised.

There have been complications as regards access to the allotments across the Common, with involvement of solicitors on behalf of the Duke of Somerset and likely difficulty proving that access has existed as far back as 1905. Moss Solicitors now believe that total costs to this Council in securing access could run as high as £1000. However, closer examination indicates that so long as access is taken only on foot and no vehicles are taken on to the allotments, then it will not be necessary to negotiate a Right of Way. Moss Solicitors concur with this view and the Secretary of the Allotment Society has been consulted and agrees. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the Council withdraw from these negotiations.

11 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders reported further vandalism in the form of damage to the tennis fencing and fire damage to the asphalt surface next to the playwall.

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12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There was nothing to report.

13 FINANCE

The monthly bank reconciliation shows £13,065.88 in hand. The new bank mandate should be in force shortly once new Members identity checks are complete. It was noted that the Village Hall insurance, although up £133 or 22% year on year, is nonetheless well below the budgeted 50% increase.

14 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	326.73
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	177.42
Allianz Cornhill	Village Hall Insurance	734.75
JRB Enterprises	Dog Glove Dispenser	189.43

15 MISCELLANEOUS

No response had been received to the appeal in the 'Link' for **Emergency Planning** volunteers. **Inspector Ian Bratton** has agreed to attend the October meeting and members/villagers were encouraged by the Chairman to prepare appropriate questions for him. In view of this visit, it was decided not to attend the **Policing Issues Seminar** at Enderby on 7th October.

No comments were raised on the consultation paper "**Providing Indemnities to Relevant Authority Officers and Members**" from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The **National One Day Count - Anti-Social Behaviour** tomorrow was noted, as was the **EMDA Annual Public Meeting** at Melton Mowbray on 1st October.

The Clerk advised that he will be on holiday from 11th to 18th September.

16 PRESS RELEASE

Members were advised that the Rev Jeff Hopewell has formed a committee to publish the 'Link'. A circular regarding a hosted website for the community, from The Local Channel, will be referred to Mrs Edmonds for an opinion.

This month's release will include Burton and Prestwold traffic news, Quality Councils and the forthcoming visit from Inspector Bratton.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th August 2003, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K E Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr J Elliott
Mrs M Prior
Mrs R Saunders
Mr R Shields
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Four Local Government Electors (from Item 1)

Before commencement of the formal agenda, it was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that members of the public be excluded whilst an additional item 'Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest' is considered.

The Chairman then distributed to each member copies of a letter received from Mr Benn Spicer on behalf of Mrs Lynda Spicer, copies of the Clerk's comments on that letter, and copies of his response to Mr Spicer. After allowing time for Members to read this correspondence, the issues were debated. The Chairman emphasised that the rules governing declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct do not leave any room for discretion. Members must declare their interests and if any Councillor feels that another member is not doing so, he/she is obliged to report the matter to the Standards Board for England. The advice of the Monitoring Officer for Charnwood has been sought as regards Mrs Spicer's situation, and also Mrs Prior's. All action taken has been in accordance with that advice.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the ~~Minutes of the~~ 8th July meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

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3 MATTERS ARISING

APLC Course for New Councillors. Mrs Prior and Mr Elliott had attended and found the Course useful.

SLCC Quality Councils Conference. The Clerk had attended this Regional Conference at the Six Hills Hotel and expressed strong dissatisfaction that this Council is debarred from Quality Council status by the electoral mandate qualification, over which it has no control. This was addressed to the panel consisting of a DEFRA spokesman, Chief Executives of the Countryside Agency and the SLCC and an audience of over one hundred. The audience was very sympathetic but the panel seemed unable to help. Follow up letters have been sent to them.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

A minor amendment to the pending Burton traffic scheme has been received and also a copy of the proposed Order which is available for public inspection from 18th July to 11th August. The Chairman has advised that there will be a slight delay before commencement of this work. A BURSAG letter objecting to some aspects of the scheme will be circulated.

A copy letter from the Director of Highways, Mr Jamieson to BURSAG and copy of their response, following on from the site meeting in June, will also be circulated. Mr Jamieson indicates a willingness to arrange origin/destination surveys and timings on alternative routes as soon as possible, now that the Epinal Way extension has opened.

There is no further news as yet regarding the Stanford Lane, Cotes situation. Mrs Spicer has received no reports of any further problems.

Authority to proceed with the bus shelter on Loughborough Road, Burton has now been received from the County Council. Consent from the two nearest neighbours is required and has been obtained. The required location is on the grassed area behind the footway and quotations will be obtained for the necessary hard surface and connecting path before the order for the shelter is placed. LCC Direct Works and ATB (Andrew Brown) will be asked to quote and a third quote will be sought. The verbal assurance from the Borough Council of 25% funding up to £3000 has never been confirmed in writing and, in view of current reported cutbacks at Charnwood, Mr Sharpe undertook to seek written confirmation.

Mrs Prior expressed concern about speeding and heavy vehicles on the unrestricted road through Prestwold where there have been various incidents over the years. The Clerk agreed to look into the issues regarding road width, in the light of the findings which BURSAG have raised in Burton.

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5 PLANNING

A supplementary agenda detailing planning items for consideration had been circulated and the Chairman asked for declarations of interest. Mrs Saunders declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Prestwold Estate, as Secretary of the Prestwold Estate Riding Scheme (PERS).

The Chairman advised that, as no other declarations of interest had been forthcoming and in the light of the discussion at the commencement of this Meeting regarding the positions of Mrs Spicer and Mrs Prior, he had no alternative but to seek guidance from the Monitoring Officer and be guided by that advice.

P/03/0965 - erection of four houses and garages on paddock, Burton Hall (SGI Ltd). Advice has been received that the appeals to the Planning Inspectorate by the applicant will be held in abeyance for three months to allow the Section 106 agreement to be completed and the legal challenge period to the decision to pass. Mr Alan Carr has advised that there is a problem with the Section 106 agreement as it seems that land allocated for four parking spaces has been taken for an electricity sub station.

P/03/1898 - extensions to front and rear of 5 Sowters Lane, Burton (Mr Wilcockson). This consultation expired on 7th August and no objection had been raised.

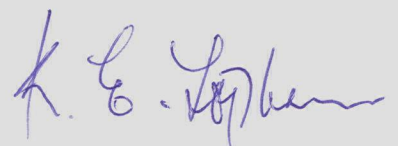
P/03/2001 - single storey extension to sides and rear of 6 Somerset Close, Burton (Mr J Hallam). In this case consultation closed on 4th August and no objection was made.

P/03/2075 - erection of Cattle Barn, Manor Farm, Burton (Mr J Pepper). Although not a retrospective application, it was noted that this barn is already in place. No objection will be raised.

P/03/2140 - raising of land levels to two fields north and south of access track, land off Prestwold Lane, Hoton (Prestwold Farms) - Mr Hodgett advises that this Hoton application is solely to bring the level of the fields up to the level of the access road through the bund and would seem to be of little significance. It was agreed to take no action.

P/03/2217 - erection of double garage to front of 9 St Philips Road, Burton (Mr D Jenkins) - There was no objection.

Charnwood Deposit Draft Local Plan proposed additional modifications. This document had been circulated although notification has been received that procedural errors will mean an extension to the consultation period. The major change affecting this area is the proposal to increase the density on the Brook Street/Melton Road site in Burton from 45



to 48 dwellings to comply with Government targets. It is now specified that 42 of these dwellings are to be included in the 1996/2006 Plan with the other 6 thereafter. It was agreed to defer comment until the next meeting.

P/03/2192 - site for residential development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton (Mr T Hubbard). This application is for outline permission only and shows no details, other than the site area, which is the same as on previous applications. A letter of objection had been received from Dr Wishart and Mr Ward, of 19 Brook Street. Mr Shields led debate on this application, drawing on his experience of previous applications. A short adjournment took place to allow electors present to state their views. On the resumption and following debate, it was agreed to maintain the Council's previous stance of not objecting to development on this site but requesting various Conditions. These are, specifically, all vehicular access from Melton Road with only pedestrian access via Brook Street, retention of a landscape buffer, development to be avoided on the steeply sloping frontage to Melton Road/Brook Street, affordable housing to be integrated, dwellings not to be obtrusive with three or more storeys not permitted, an open space to be at the western end of the Brook Street frontage, careful attention to storm water run-off and a Section 106 agreement to cover traffic calming and educational needs.

Enforcement - Estate Agents' signs at Hall Drive, Burton. The Clerk had reported a new sign erected on Melton Road but Mr Hartman had responded that no action can be taken as the north area Enforcement Officer has left and not yet replaced. Mr Sharpe understood that two officers have recently been appointed and undertook to speak to Mr Hartman.

Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield issues. Mr Hunt has advised that no revised bund proposals have been submitted and the present application is still in abeyance. No date has been advised for the P/03/1604 'promotional events' hearing. Mrs Edmonds advised that noise from airfield activities had commenced at 7 a.m. last Saturday. The Clerk will check permitted hours and supply diary sheets to Mrs Edmonds.

A letter from Rob Forsyth, Director of Marketing International and John Farnham, Director of Everyman Racing suggests a meeting on 19th August to discuss their planned launch event for the Ford Focus CMAX in October. A reply will be sent, with a copy to Ford Marketing Director, declining such meetings until the Borough Council have resolved the promotional events application, bearing in mind that at present such events are unauthorised.

There has been no reply from Mr Blitz regarding enforcement action against 'track days'. Mr Sharpe had spoken to Mr Blitz and it appears that the Borough planners consider it unnecessary to take such action whilst the operators have voluntarily undertaken not to hold such events.

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Planning Training. There are now to be two meetings and the Chairman and Mr Shields opted for 10th September whilst Mrs Edmonds would now like to attend, on 30th September.

6 ENVIRONMENT

Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield. Noise diary sheets have been passed on to three Burton residents for completion in the context of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. There has been an acknowledgment but no reply from the agents for the Estate to the suggested regular liaison meetings. Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe has responded to the request for repair of the boundary wall, saying that something will be done when funds allow.

Dog Glove Dispenser. The licence has now been received from the County Council. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the dispenser be purchased at the previously indicated price of £161.20 plus VAT.

Brook Street/Loughborough Road brook and path. After much prevarication, the County and Borough authorities have each now attended to clearance of their respective areas.

Seymour Road, Burton. Mr Elliott reported that water had been escaping from two houses onto the carriageway over a period of weeks, with unpleasant and hazardous results. Also up to four goods vehicles are being parked very close to the junction with Brook Street, probably illegally. These problems will be reported to the Environmental Health Department and the Police respectively.

7 PARISH PLAN

A newsletter dated 24th July from the Steering Group has been circulated. Invoices paid up to and including today total £1299.76. There is to be a leaflet drop tomorrow regarding the Design Statement meetings.

8 VILLAGE HALL

One quotation for edging for the Garden has been received from Boundaries, of Wymeswold, for £340.00. A further quote is being sought from Allsorts.

A letter from the Management Committee asks about maintenance of the gardens and paths and indicates that a group of five or six residents could keep the Garden tidy, though not without incurring small expenses from time to time. After discussion, it was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Shields and carried that a sum of up to £100.00 be made available annually to defray expenses incurred by voluntary workers in maintaining the Garden. In reply, the Committee will be asked administer this arrangement and it will be pointed out that the paths are already their Committee's responsibility.

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9 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The Duke of Somerset's Estates now require a Statutory Declaration with regard to access to the allotments across Common land. It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Clerk be empowered to do what is necessary to complete this arrangement.

10 PLAYING FIELD

Three litter bins costing £69.00 each have been ordered from Glasdon U.K. at PFA request. They will reimburse.

Mrs Saunders advised that the Summer Fete had raised about £550. More help is needed at this event which overstretches the Committee each year.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The draft maps from the Countryside Agency for each parish have now been returned and they appear to be correct.

The Council was advised that Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe has now set up the network of permissive paths on the Prestwold Estate and voluntary wardens have been appointed. A letter of appreciation will be sent.

12 FINANCE

The end July bank reconciliation shows £14,568.10 in hand. A letter from Natwest Bank indicates imminent changes in Capital Reserve and Business Reserve interest rates. More information should be available in September.

Each Member and the Clerk signed the Authorised Signatories Sheet to enable the Bank Mandate to be altered following the recent changes in the Council, after it was resolved that:

1 National Westminster Bank PLC be requested to act as the bankers of the Council

2(a) the bank is requested to continue an Account in the name of the Council and is authorised to accept instructions [subject to section 2(b) below in respect of instructions not in writing] (i) for operation of the Account and (ii) to release items held in security or safe custody in the name of the Council from any two authorised signatories.

2(b) Where Instructions to the Bank are given in any form that is not in writing ['writing' means for this purpose a document bearing an original written authorised signature(s)] the Bank is entitled to accept them if satisfied that the instruction is genuine. The Council accepts that the Bank may require them to enter into a separate agreement (s) with the Bank and/or comply with

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any further conditions covering any means of providing instructions that are not in writing;

2(c) The Bank should send Statements of Account to the Parish Clerk of the Council at the following address: 20 Springfield Close, Burton on the Wolds, Loughborough LE12 5AN.

3 The Bank is to be given authorised signatories sheets (certified as correct by the Chairperson and Clerk)

The Clerk shall notify the Bank of resignations and retirements of those authorised to give instructions.

This authority shall continue notwithstanding any change in the constitution or membership of the Council and until receipt by the Bank of a certified copy of a later Resolution amending or rescinding this Resolution.

Identification sheets were handed the the three new Councillors for completion and signature.

13 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

raised since last Meeting:

L&R APLC	seminar fees	20.00
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for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	375.20
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	224.42
Severn Trent	water - pavilion	54.88)
-"	water - allotments	23.97)
Leics Footpaths	subscription	4.50
Q3 Digital	P/Plan printing	571.05
Tony Edmonds	P/Plan expenses	163.70

14 MISCELLANEOUS

'Charnwood Together', the Borough Corporate Plan had been circulated but no comments will be made. A request from the Borough for a contact name for **Emergency Planning** will be publicised in the 'Link'

Local beat P.C. Tony Hewitt is leaving the Force on 24th August; no replacement has yet been advised. It was decided to invite the **new LPU Commander, Inspector Ian Bratton** to a forthcoming Council Meeting.

Correspondence regarding a **Police Seminar** at Enderby on 7th October, a meeting of the **Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Board** on 15th September and the **Rural Partnership 'Buzz Bus'** were noted. The Police Seminar will be considered next month and the 'Buzz Bus' details will be supplied to Mrs Edmonds and also circulated.

15 PRESS RELEASE

Rod Ward, who runs the village website, is leaving the district tomorrow. He will continue to operate the site for the time being and expects to hand over to Tom Dijkstra, who is presently in Canada, during September.

This month's release will include items on the bus shelter, airfield liaison meetings, police developments, emergency planning and thanks to Dr Tony Evans for his editorship of the 'Link' over many years.

16 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th July 2003, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K E Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr J Elliott
Mrs M Prior
Mrs R Saunders
Mr R Shields
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) [Items 1 - 4]
One Local Government Elector

CODE OF CONDUCT - *Prior to commencement of proceedings, the Clerk read a note on the procedure to be adopted with regards to declarations of interest by Members. A copy is appended to these Minutes.*

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Sharpe (holiday)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETINGS

It was, in the case of the 10th June Meeting proposed Mr Shields and seconded Mrs Saunders and in the case of the 23rd June Meeting proposed Mr Elliott and seconded Mrs Prior, and in both cases carried that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record and that the Chairman sign each of them accordingly.

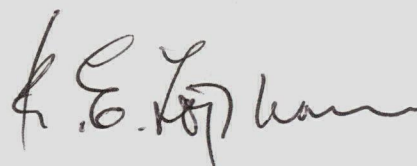
3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

A Traffic Regulation Order is to be issued by the County Council on 18th July advising imposition of a 40 mph speed limit on sections of Melton Road and Wymeswold Lane, Burton, a preliminary to the impending traffic scheme.

Mrs Saunders provided copy of a letter from Mr Simon Lawrence to the occupiers of 78 Melton Road which promises to investigate the possibility of



improvements to the footway between Sowters Lane and Wymeswold Lane which is in poor condition and indicates that a roundabout/mini roundabout at Wymeswold Lane/Melton Road could be considered if the bund construction goes ahead, as a developer contribution might fund it.

Cllr Kershaw reported on the meeting in Burton at 8 a.m. on 13th June with Mr Bruce Jamieson and others, attended by the Chairman, at which issues raised by BURSAG concerning diversion of traffic had been discussed. The Director took due note of local problems and Cllr Kershaw recommended, with the Loughborough Epinal Way extension due to open next week, that the September meeting would be the right time to revisit these issues once any local effects from that opening have become apparent.

A letter from Mr Ian Lee, Police Road Safety Unit Manager, indicates that it is unlikely that they will be able to monitor traffic from the field entrance on Loughborough Road, Burton indicated by Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe since it is outside the 30 mph zone.

A letter from Mr D Marshall of the County Highways advises that he has written to Notts County Council about a possible weight restriction on Stanford Lane, Cotes as part of a wider scheme to restrict HGV's west of the A60 between Loughborough and Rempstone and south of the A6006 between Rempstone and Hathern. He asks for details of HGV's still using Stanford Lane as a cut through and Mrs Spicer confirmed that she has asked Mrs Gaynor Byass to monitor the situation. Copies of this correspondence will be sent to Cllr. Kershaw. There has been no further response from the Police regarding speeding despite a reminder having been sent.

Mr Mark Palfreyman has advised that no ownership can be traced for the land on which the proposed bus shelter is to stand and the decision has now been taken to authorise the shelter. He had hoped to obtain the licence from their Legal people a fortnight ago, upon which he would write with permission and surfacing requirements but, nothing further having been heard, Cllr Kershaw undertook to follow this up.

5 PLANNING

A supplementary agenda listing items for discussion having been distributed, the Chairman asked for declarations of interest. Mr Shields declared a personal interest in P/03/0965 owing to possible pending legal action.

P/03/0908 - erection of detached quadruple garage, 4 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr D Allen). The Borough Council have granted permission with Conditions, the most significant relating to protection of existing planting and limiting the garage to domestic use only.

P/03/0965 - erection of four houses and garages on the paddock, Burton Hall. Permission has now been granted, subject to Conditions,

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one of which authorises a Section 106 agreement covering traffic calming on Hall Drive, a Hall Drive repair contribution, drainage works, use of the paddock, restrictions on curtilages, construction work and withdrawal of outstanding appeals.

P/03/1289 - erection of detached house to front of 15 Barrow Road, Burton. Letters have been received from Mrs Jackie Edwards of 4 Barrow Road expressing disappointment at the Council's decision last month, and from Mr Paul Sutton, Tree Warden (copy of a letter to the Borough) requesting Tree Preservation Order status for trees on this property. A reply will be sent to Mrs Edwards explaining the Council's decision.

Proposed Housing Development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton. It is understood, from the press and elsewhere, that the Borough Council has now approved reinstatement of various greenfield sites, including the one at Burton, in the Local Plan. As yet there has been no written confirmation.

P/03/1584 - felling and limb removal of trees, St Philips Road, Burton (Charnwood Borough Council). This application had a deadline of 30th June, and after consulting the Tree Warden and others, the Chairman had authorised no objection.

P/03/1287 - variation and discharge of Conditions from P/00/1940, Lang's Restaurant, Melton Road, Burton. It was agreed to raise no objection to this application which relates principally to parking arrangements.

P/03/1539 - two storey extension to rear and conservatory to front of 25 Barrow Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs D Mitton). The response will express concern that the location drawing supplied does not appear to represent accurately the proximity of neighbouring dwellings and will ask that careful consideration be given to the possibility of overdominance of these very large extensions to neighbouring properties and the listed Burton Hall.

P/03/1924 - erection of indoor riding school with bund and part conversion of Model Dairy, Prestwold Estate (D Allonby). Whilst not objecting to this proposal, sympathetic reconstruction of the former dairy will be requested. There is no objection to the bund so long as it is formed only from materials excavated for construction of the riding school building.

Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield issues. The bund application is still in abeyance, no revised proposals having been received by the County Council. A letter of support in opposing the bund has been received from Andy Reed MP.

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Miss Beverley Green advises that five complaints were received about noise from the 'Sounds of the Seventies' concert on Sunday 22nd June. She is very concerned that, despite assurances given by the organisers, no attempt appeared to have been made to minimise noise. The stage had been positioned facing directly towards Burton. She will take this up strongly with Mr Henry Weldon at Prestwold Hall and any future applications for such events will need serious thought.

There is no news as yet of when the 'promotional events' application, P/03/1604, will be heard. A request has been made to speak and copies of residents' letters so far received have been circulated, together with a copy from Hoton Parish Council strongly objecting.

Our letter to Mr Blitz dated 17th June has not been answered and it was agreed to send a follow up asking for enforcement against the unapproved 'promotional events' and that enforcement be implemented against 'track days', rather than acceding to Andrew Granger's request that no such action be taken.

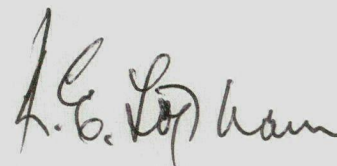
The question of paying for legal advice regarding the new track was again debated. It was felt that it is not the track itself but the activities that take place upon it which are the problem and that obtaining an expensive legal opinion might well lead to more heavy expense, depending on the advice received. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that this suggestion be not pursued.

A response from Miss Green advises that, irrespective of whether operators comply with specific planning Conditions, there is a procedure under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to serve an Abatement Notice if a statutory noise nuisance can be substantiated. This would require sufficient evidence on the frequency and duration of incidents to prove a material interference with neighbouring properties. Local residents should be encouraged to complete diary sheets and it was agreed to advise those Burton residents most vociferous in their complaints (and Hoton Council) accordingly, giving them the opportunity to seek an Abatement Notice.

It was decided, following comments made by residents at the 23rd June meeting, to ask the Estate for quarterly liaison meetings to discuss all current and impending issues.

Planning Training. A course has been arranged at Southfields on 10th September. Mr Topham and Mr Shields wished to be nominated.

Charnwood Together. This is the title of the Borough corporate plan 2003/7 which will go out for consultation from mid July until 18th August. This will be circulated as soon as received, for discussion at the August meeting.



6 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon. Roma Landscapes commenced clearing the bank facing Melton Road but their strimmer broke down. They should complete shortly.

East Midlands Airport. It was reported at the June AARPC meeting that departure track compliance is now 95%. The Airport will be reminded of their promise to look at narrowing the corridors once this target was reached.

The Airport has a Community Fund grant scheme to fund local organisations (not Parish Councils) from the proceeds of fines on non-compliant aircraft. Eligible organisations must be within 10 miles of the runway mid point - Burton is 9 miles. The grants cover sport, recreational, environmental and conservation projects and proposal forms were handed over to the PFA and Village Hall representatives.

Dog Glove Dispenser. The County Highways had clearly lost sight of this application but, having been reminded, they now confirm that the County Solicitor has been asked to issue the necessary licence.

Emergency Planning. A leaflet from the Borough Health and Public Protection Committee was distributed to members.

Damaged Tree, Wymeswold Lane/Melton Road junction. This split tree, overhanging the footway, has been reported.

Footway, Loughborough Road - Old School House to Burton. This footway has not been swept for over a year despite requests and a strong protest will be registered with the Borough.

Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall, Loughborough Road. The poor condition of this wall, which has fallen in places, was raised with Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe personally during the public session at the end of the June meeting. It was agreed to make a formal request for action, in writing.

Overhanging Trees and Hedges. It was noted that passage is impeded in various parts of Burton, in some cases forcing pedestrians onto the busy B676. The Clerk will make courteous approaches to two residents where problems are occurring.

Brook Street footway/watercourse. Despite previous requests, neither the Borough nor County Councils have cleared their respective parts and the whole area is now overgrown. Strong protests will be made to both.

Fireworks. Mr Tony Evans has provided a copy of his letter to Andy Reed MP protesting about firework noise nuisance, particularly from Prestwold Hall and requesting legislation.

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7 PARISH PLAN

The RCC had invoiced £800.00 for their services but on query have reduced this to the £750.00 originally quoted. Half is due for payment now.

It was noted from the Steering Group minutes and a letter just received from Mr Tony Edmonds that they have decided to extend their activities to production of a Village Design Statement. There was some concern that the original budget did not provide for this but Mr John Hindley, who was present, explained that the VDS will not be lavish and will not cost very much. It is understood that there is no additional money available and they intend to fund the project from the original resources.

8 VILLAGE HALL

A hose reel and accessories have now been purchased at a cost of £37.17. A contractor, Boundaries, is coming to look at provision of kerbing for the Garden later this week. Mrs Edmonds reported that vandalism seems to be diminishing and that the Committee are pursuing various funding possibilities. Mr Elliott had noted that the weathervane is now incorrectly set and the Clerk will investigate.

9 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing to report.

10 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that the Fete had been a success although the financial result is not yet available. The Borough are no longer taking away the bin bags and the Clerk will take this up with Mr John Clunn at Charnwood. New regulations for disabled access are due next year and consideration is being given to the implications. The Committee feel that they are going to have to pay for some routine maintenance and repair work in future as it is becoming too much to rely on voluntary efforts.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The Countryside Agency has issued draft maps for each Parish showing common land and open country for registration under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Parishes are being consulted as to the accuracy of these maps and the Clerk confirmed that that for Burton is consistent with the records currently on file. Maps for Cotes and Prestwold were passed over to the Ward Councillors who were asked to return them to enable the Clerk to respond by the deadline of 30th September.

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12 FINANCE

Andy Reed MP has sent a copy letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister regarding our complaint about the audit arrangements. Mr Christopher Leslie MP appears to have completely misunderstood what we said and it was agreed to point this out.

The monthly bank reconciliation shows a balance of £15,463.34 in hand.

Natwest have failed to send sufficient Bank Mandate continuation sheets and the change of signatories was deferred for a month.

13 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

raised since last Meeting:

LCC	hire of school hall	14.05
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for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	289.87
"	hosepipe/fittings	37.17
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	247.92
Staples	office supplies	65.93
"	photocopying (notices)	20.86
RoSPA	inspection, Playing Field	78.14
RCC	Parish Plan	375.00
B Rowell	"	20.00
BOTW PFA	"	5.00

14 MISCELLANEOUS

Dates for **L & R APLC First Time Councillors Courses** were to hand. Mrs Edmonds and Mr Elliott will advise when they wish attend and Mrs Prior is able to accommodate any of the indicated dates.

The Minister for Rural Affairs and Urban Quality of Life, Mr Alan Michael, has circulated **The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme - The Quality Scheme explained**. This is much as previously indicated and this Council decided, in January 2002, not to apply. The scheme now includes an electoral mandate requirement that initially at least 80% of seats must be filled by members who stood for election. We fail to qualify, whether we had wanted to or not, since only 62.5% of members stood for election in May this year, effectively debarring us from quality status for the next four

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years. Additionally the Clerk does not hold the required Certificate in Local Council Administration from an approved body.

The Society of Local Council Clerks is holding a **Regional Conference to discuss Quality Councils** at the Six Hills Hotel, in our Parish, later this month. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Clerk should attend, at a fee of £25.00, with a brief to point out the unfairness of the electoral mandate requirement over which Councils have no control.

Commander Steve Boulton has written to say that he has been promoted to Chief Inspector Operations at Loughborough Headquarters and that Inspector Ian Bratton will be the new Quorn LPU Commander. A letter of appreciation has been sent. Appeals from the **Royal Leicestershire Regiment Museum Appeal** and from the **Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group Ltd** were noted.

It was agreed that circulation of **Round Robins** would now be Mr Topham/Mr Sharpe/Mrs Saunders/Mr Elliott/Mr Shields/the Clerk/Mrs Spicer/Mrs Prior/Mrs Edmonds/the Clerk. Members were reminded that they should pass these envelopes on as soon as possible, normally within 2/3 days, to ensure that circulation is completed before any contents become out of date.

15 PRESS RELEASE

The Revd. Jeff Hopewell advises that Dr Tony Evans is retiring from editorship of the 'Christian Link' in the near future and asks for recruits to an editing team.

This month's Press Release will feature traffic news for Burton and Cotes, airfield noise issues and proposed liaison meetings, and the Brook Street problems.

16 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1 Members will be aware of a flurry of material regarding the Code; a video and supporting booklet has been circulated, a revised Standards Board booklet on registering and declaring interests has been distributed tonight and we have a letter from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister describing the process to be followed if there is an allegation of Councillor misconduct.
- 2 As a Council, it is essential that we follow, and are seen to follow, the requirements of the Code in every way.
- 3 One requirement of the Code is that a Member with a personal interest should disclose the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that item, or when the interest becomes apparent.
- 4 Most (not necessarily all) interests tend to be on planning issues and to simplify the process, starting tonight, we are circulating a list of planning issues and at the start of the Planning item the Chairman will ask whether any Member has an interest to declare. In such cases you should indicate the nature of the interest and whether or not it is prejudicial. If prejudicial, you will be required to leave the meeting whilst that item is under discussion.
- 5 The onus is on each of you as individuals to decide whether you have an interest to declare. Nobody else can do it for you. I am always available to give advice if required and if need be I can consult with Christine Taylor, the Charnwood Monitoring Officer and she in turn has access to The Standards Board for England.

KWD 8.7.03

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held at Burton on the Wolds County Primary School on Monday 23rd June 2003, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mr J Elliott
Mrs M Prior
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: approx. 80 members of the community, including several from neighbouring parishes, particularly Hoton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds (family bereavement)
Mrs R Saunders (prior engagement)

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming newly co-opted members Mrs Maureen Prior and Mr John Elliott.

He explained that this special meeting had been called to update Members of the Council and villagers about three related issues, the proposed bund, other activities on the former airfield and a Planning Application P/03/1604 for retention of use of runways etc at Wymeswold Airfield for training and vehicle demonstration for customers and staff of vehicle manufacturers and distributors on areas approved for vehicle use under planning ref: P/01/0853.

He summarised the current situation in respect of each of these as follows:

- 1 **The Bund.** Efforts by the Council, on behalf of residents, to oppose the bund proposal have been very successful so far. The Borough Council opposed it and as a result the applicants have asked the County Council to put the application on hold whilst they try to come up with a more acceptable proposal.
- 2 **Other intrusive activities on the airfield.** The noisy activities on 4th April sparked off detailed correspondence and dialogue with Borough planning officers. The current situation is that

- the officers now say that no planning permission is required for the newly laid track as they believe it to be simply resurfacing, although at first they had taken the opposite view. This seems to lack credibility as it is the new track

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which makes the high speed, noisy activities possible and has led to the barrage of complaints

- the officers, more encouragingly, confirm that 'track days' are not covered by the current consent. Everyman have assured them that there will be no more such days and the officers are prepared to consider the matter closed. However, it was noted last week that another track day is being advertised for 1st August and the Borough have been urged to take enforcement action.

- the officers say that most vehicles conform to the noise regulations but admit that those Conditions are not robust enough in view of the complaints received about vehicles which supposedly conform. They seem to be helpless to do anything about it. There are no Conditions at all covering tyre squeal.

- 3 **P/03/1604.** Since 'promotional days' for manufacturers and distributors are not covered by the current 'recreational activities' consent, a new Application has been lodged. The Estate now say that such activities have been going on for eight years. The first complaints after the new circuit opened, in February this year, were about such events. Any comments must be received by the Borough Council by 3rd July.

A copy letter to the Borough Council received at the start of the Meeting from Andrew Granger & Co was then read. It advises that the 1st August Track Day has been cancelled and no more such events will be held without specific consent.

The meeting was then adjourned for 45 minutes for questions and comment from those present, who included Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe and Mr Andrew Bamber on behalf of the Estate.

After the adjournment, Members considered P/03/1604. It was agreed not to oppose this application outright but to urge rigorous safeguards through Conditions to ensure that weaknesses in P/01/0853 are not perpetuated. These should limit engine/exhaust noise and tyre squeal to acceptable limits. There should be no tyre testing. Initial approval should be for only one or two years to test the efficacy of the Conditions. Such use should be limited to not exceeding two days per week or 100 days per year, Sundays and Bank Holidays excluded.

Mr Sharpe felt that the Borough's decision regarding the new track is not soundly based and that a legal opinion should be sought. This Council should be prepared to spend up to £1000 to that end. It was agreed to leave this in abeyance until there is further information about track days, specifically our request that a formal ruling be given about them.

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MISCELLANEOUS

It was agreed that the Council should meet on 8th July and there will be no summer break this year.

The media company who had asked the Council about a BBC radio feature on local noise problems some time ago have advised that this will not be going ahead and it was decided not to take up a possible offer of a programme about traffic and builders' rubble.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th June 2003, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Sharpe (business)

The Council met in closed session for consideration of Items A and B

A CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

Burton Ward. Two nominations had been received for the two vacancies in Burton Ward, Mr J Elliott and Mr R Shields. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that they both be co-opted.

Prestwold Ward. There were three nominations for the single vacancy, Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe, Mrs F Polak and Mrs M Prior. After consideration, it was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that Mrs Prior be co-opted.

The successful and unsuccessful nominees will be advised in writing of the outcome.

The L & R APLC are holding Courses for first time Councillors at Community House, Leicester during July and details will be made available to the newly co-opted Councillors.

B CLERK'S SALARY

The Clerk left the room during consideration of this item.

In view of the ongoing heavy workload, necessitating working hours far in excess of the contracted six hours per week, it was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the clerk's salary be based on 7 1/2 hours per week with effect from 1st July. The Clerk later thanked Members and assured them that he would continue, as before, to work whatever hours are necessary to carry out the duties as effectively as possible.

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The meeting continued in public from 7.34 p.m. with newly co-opted Councillor R Shields joining the meeting, having completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Chairman welcomed him and noted his invaluable previous Borough Council experience. Four Local Government Electors were present, as was County Councillor Kershaw for items 2/4.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the Minutes of the 13th May meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and that the Chairman sign them accordingly.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Primary School Governor (from the AGM). A letter from the Clerk to Governors advises that Governing Bodies will soon be required to adopt a new constitution within which there will be no provision for a co-opted minor authority governor. She asks that apologies and appreciation be passed on to the Council's nominee, Mrs Edmonds. The Chairman, in noting this news, felt that this severing of ties between Parish and School was a retrograde step.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

The timetable for the pending traffic scheme on Melton Road, Burton is unchanged.

There is no news from either the County Council or from the Police regarding the situation on Stanford Lane, Cotes and the Clerk will endeavour to get updates for the next Meeting.

A summary of the 'State of Freight' report has been circulated and whilst its long term predictions are of interest, it concentrates on the 'big picture' and there is little of immediate local interest.

There is still no permission for the Loughborough Road bus shelter following Mr Palfreyman's site visit in February. Cllr. Kershaw will take this up with the County Council.

A report on BURSAG activities dated 7th June will be circulated.

5 PLANNING

Mr Shields declared a personal interest in P/03/1305.

Enforcement E/02/0016 - 3 Barrow Road, Burton. Advice has been received from the Enforcement Officer that the driveway has been satisfactorily paved and that no further action is required.

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P/03/0610 - extension to agricultural road, Wymeswold Airfield.

A letter from Mr Hodgett advises that the application for a bund, which is a County matter, includes use of this agricultural access for the purpose of importing bund material and will be considered as a 'temporary' use of what will remain an agricultural access.

P/03/1119 - single storey extension to 30 Springfield Close, Burton (Brian Atkinson). There was no objection to this revision to a previous permit, P/00/1926.

P/03/1289 - erection of detached house to front of 15 Barrow Road, Burton (Walker & Walker Ltd). There was no objection.

P/03/1305 - conversion of cowsheds to dwelling/office, Prestwold Hall (Trustees). There was no objection to this renewal of P/98/0025.

P/03/0965 - four detached houses and garages on paddock, Burton Hall (SGI Ltd). The Chairman advised that he had met with Mr Alan Carr, representing Hall Drive residents. They are working with the Borough Council to secure a Section 106 agreement which would resolve residents' remaining concerns. In view of this, it was decided not to raise any objections, subject to this Agreement being satisfactorily concluded. The Application comes before the Plans Committee in two days time.

Planning Training. The Borough are proposing training sessions and it was agreed to register interest on behalf of new and existing Members.

P/03/0107 - bund to the south of Wymeswold Airfield. Mr Nigel Hunt of the County Council advises that no amendments or revisions to the original proposal have yet been received. In the meantime, the applicants have asked them not to progress the original application. We shall be advised when/if amendments are received. This means that the issue could now only come before the July Board meeting if the original application were to be very soon revived, without amendment.

6 ENVIRONMENT

Wymeswold Airfield Activities. The latest position, as advised by Mr Blitz of the Borough Council, is that the Estate claim that the new track is simply a resurfacing, reusing the previous tarmac which constitutes about 97% of the material. An application has been lodged for the commercial usage which should be out for consultation this week. All the vehicles taking part in the 'track day' on 2nd May conformed to the noise Conditions, except for one which was withdrawn. Even so, track days are considered to be in breach of planning consents as there is no training element.

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Mr Blitz will be writing to all concerned shortly to confirm the above. The third track day last Friday followed the same pattern as the second, with rain at first followed by strong southerly wind blowing the noise towards Hoton, where there were complaints, rather than towards Burton. The further track days previously advertised have been deleted from the website.

The Council has had correspondence published in the 'Loughborough Echo' along with letters from a number of residents and from Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe (putting the Estate point of view) to ensure that the Council's concerns are properly understood. Regular bulletins have also been placed on Notice Boards and on the web site. A view was expressed that the 'Echo' correspondence should cease at least until there were further developments.

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that Roma Landscapes quotation of £40.00 to cut and clear the overgrown lagoon frontage, with £10.00 for future cuts as required, be accepted.

Heritage Wardens Project. This project, to produce a "then and now" map and booklet and an oral village archive with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund had been circulated and was welcomed. A request for suggestions of a site for planting of young oak trees from acorns collected by schoolchildren was met, from the floor, by Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe who offered space on the Prestwold Estate. This will be passed on to the Wardens.

Brook Street, Burton. It was noted that the brook and adjacent footpath are very overgrown and this will be referred to the Borough Council.

Barrow Road, Burton. A report had been received of a boundary wall in poor condition on Barrow Road (adjacent to White Gate Lodge) but it was felt that this did not threaten passers by and no action was taken.

Damaged Tree. A tree on the Prestwold Estate which had split and is obstructing the footway on Nottingham Road has been reported to the County Tree Inspector.

Estate Agents' signs on Sowters Lane, Burton. Signs illegally displayed at the corner of Melton Road have been reported to the Enforcement Officer.

Footpath 1/3, Brook Street/Wymeswold Lane. It was reported that this path is overgrown and Roma will be asked to clear it.

7 PARISH PLAN

The questionnaire is now being distributed and a copy has been supplied. A Community Transport insert has been included, at the request of Caroline McKay of the County Council. The Date Protection application form has

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been completed and the Chairman of the Steering Group will be advised of its requirements to ensure compliance. It was felt that Steering Group minutes, which have been received and circulated, gave a misleading impression of the Council's position with regard to a Village Design Statement and the Chairman will be so advised.

8 VILLAGE HALL

Powergen have at last submitted their first gas bill, for £0.00! Payments by monthly direct debit continue and no other action will be taken at present. Copy Accounts for last year have been received and will be circulated. The Council's contribution to costs in that period was £1424.87.

Mrs Linda Sutton and Mrs Barbara Stead spent two hours working on the Garden last weekend and have asked the Council if they will buy a hose pipe with trigger release. It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that this be done, up to £30.00 value. Mrs Edmonds will talk to Mrs Sutton about access arrangements. On Mrs Sutton's recommendation, Boundaries of Wymeswold have been asked to quote for kerbing for the Garden's Seymour Road frontage.

Mrs Edmonds reported on the recent AGM. There are a wide variety of activities, well supported by villagers. It seems that the incidence of vandalism may be declining.

9 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

Bentons have submitted our application, for access across the Common to the allotments, to the Somerset Estate Office with a suggested one-off fee of £17.50. The annual allotment fees amounting to £290.00 have been received.

Mr Phil Spencer is checking whether Brooksby College can arrange the burial ground soil test; he believes they can also quote for felling the dead lime. It was agreed to defer the proposal for crosses on unmarked graves.

10 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that the annual Summer Fete will take place on 22nd June. The pavilion extension has had to be deferred for a year to allow the land to settle after removal of a tree stump. The AGM has been held, and a copy of the Accounts was requested. The financial support from the Council last year totalled nett £1953.38.

The Public Liability Insurance premium is unchanged this year at £367.50 - we had budgeted for 50% increase. Two places have been booked on a County PFA Disability Discrimination Seminar, at a cost of £10.00.

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11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The H98 crossfield path referred to last month has been reinstated.

12 FINANCE

The internal audit has been completed by Mr Trevor Todd, with no adverse comments. His letter was read. The Annual Return has been completed and was presented to the meeting. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign Section 1 (Statement of Accounts) and Section 2 (Statement of Assurance).

Andy Reed MP has written to say that our letter about shortcomings of the new audit system has been passed on to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The external auditors, Hacker Young, have now advised that the Council has been selected as one of 5% of Councils who must undergo full audit for 2002/3, having previously advised that only a basic audit would be required.

The Council's funds at end May stood at £17,657.78, still including the greater part of the Parish Plan grant. The Council's insurance has increased by £116.90 over last year whereas an increase of £473 had been budgeted. Now that vacant Council seats have been filled, a new Bank Mandate will be presented for signature next month.

13 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the following cheques be authorised;

raised since last Meeting:

L & R PFA	seminar fees	10.00
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for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	299.48
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	206.80
Staples	office supplies	56.87
Allianz Cornhill	PFA insurance	367.50)
-"	Council Insurance	1065.38)
Trevor Todd	internal audit	50.00
Borough of Charnwood	footway lighting	27.55
Information Commissioner	data registration	35.00
CPRE	subscription	25.00

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14 MISCELLANEOUS

Advice of the **Periodic Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council** had been circulated. Details of the new **Mayor of Charnwood** will be circulated and his **Civic Service** was noted. In accordance with Council Policy, no response will be made to a financial appeal from **Leicestershire Crimestoppers**. The Annual Conference of the **Leicestershire Rural Partnership** was noted.

Mrs Saunders advised that the '**Welcome Guide**' has now been updated and anybody in need of a copy should contact her.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the co-opted Members, updates on the bund and airfield noise issues and the reissue of the Welcome Guide.

16 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

These centred largely on Prestwold Estate/airfield matters and it was agreed to include an appeal from Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe for wardens to assist with an Estate walks scheme in the Press Release. Attention was drawn to a visit from Mr Bruce Jamieson, Director of Transport, Highways etc at County Hall to Burton on Friday next to look at the traffic issues.

On completion of all business, the Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th May 2003, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Ten Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the Minutes of the 8th April Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and that the Chairman sign them accordingly.

3 MATTERS ARISING

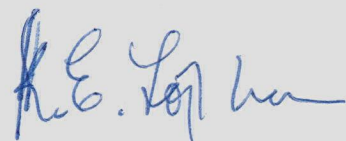
There were none.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

The Chairman has learned that the County Council are completing the necessary procedures with a view to having the traffic scheme for Melton Road, Burton in place by early September.

Mr Ian Lee, Police Road Safety Unit Manager, had written to advise that they are now looking at use of mobile speed cameras in Burton and this had been followed by a letter from Toby Walker, the Safety Camera Communications Officer confirming this. He also advised that they hope to trial an initiative called Community Speed Watch later in the year. The first visit with the camera had taken place on 8th May, in Melton Road. A report from Mr Hindley of BURSAG was read. The officers on duty had advised that there is no suitable location on Loughborough Road and Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe offered use of one of his Estate gateways.

Commander Boulton has advised that speeding in Stanford Lane, Cotes will be looked into by Sgt Richard Gubbins and Mr Marshall of County Highways



is investigating the proposed weight restriction in conjunction with Notts County Council.

The Clerk has obtained a copy of the bulky 'State of Freight' report from the East Midlands Regional Assembly and will prepare a synopsis. This is the Report which is concerning Wymeswold Council with regard to future traffic implications.

There has been no progress on the proposed bus shelter on Loughborough Road, Burton. Mr Mark Palfreyman says that the County have yet to establish land ownership.

5 PLANNING

P/03/0908 - detached quadruple replacement garage at 4 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr D Allen). A revised scheme has been submitted but it was felt that this did insufficient to remove the original objections and that proposed shrub planting was unsuitable. A further objection will be lodged.

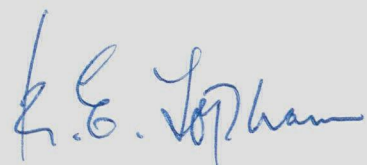
P/03/0965 - new application for four detached houses and garages on the paddock, Burton Hall (SGI Ltd). In submitting this application, the applicants advise that they are also appealing to the Planning Inspector against the last two refusals. Separately, advice has been received of these appeals with a public inquiry scheduled for Tuesday 9th September. Our previous objections will be amongst documents to be considered by the Inspector.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting between Hall Drive residents and Mr Hartman, Principal Planning Officer, earlier today and the Chairman reported on this. It was noted that the new scheme has been reduced somewhat in area although it still does not conform fully to the Design Brief. The residents have indicated that they believe that there is the basis now to reach agreement with SGI and the Borough Council and it was agreed to respond supporting their view but reserving the right to object at Committee if no such agreement is reached.

Boundary Wall at Hall Drive/Melton Road junction. A complaint had been received of 'For Sale' notices being nailed or screwed into the sandstone wall causing damage and Mr Andrew Dudley, the Enforcement Officer has been notified. He advises that the wall is not listed but that it is not permitted for such signs to be displayed anywhere other than in the grounds of the property concerned. He will take the necessary action.

It was noted that notices have appeared at the foot of Sowters Lane and Mr Dudley will be asked to take similar action there.

Proposed Brook Street/Melton Road Housing Development. Mr Hodgett has replied advising details of the 'percentage for art' scheme and



suggesting that there is no reason not to respond to George Wimpey Ltd. It was agreed to thank them for their commitment but to reserve our comments until more details are available. The CPRE have copied us on their letter to the Borough Council expressing concern about this location continuing to feature when other greenfield sites have been withdrawn. They suggest that only the brownfield portion should be developed to include, say, four affordable units.

P/03/0107 - formation of bunds south of Wymeswold Airfield. A summary of the current situation was circulated to Members (copy attached to original Minutes).

The Meeting was then adjourned to permit Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe and others associated with activities on the Airfield to make statements, which were discussed with Members and others.

6 ENVIRONMENT

Wymeswold Airfield Activities. A summary of the current situation regarding noise from the airfield was also circulated and a copy is attached to the original Minutes. *This item too had been discussed during the adjournment referred to above.*

Other activities at Prestwold Hall. A marquee event was held in the Hall grounds on 25th April and some complaints had been received about amplified noise into the early hours. A letter from Beverley Green advises that no entertainment licence is necessary for private events. A 'Sounds of the 70's' event is being advertised for Sunday 22nd June, with fireworks, finishing at 10.30 p.m. Mr Burton, the Licensing Officer advises that a Licence has been applied for and they are having discussions over sensitive placing of loudspeakers, etc.

East Midlands Airport. The AARPC recommend that no revisions should be made to previous responses to the Future Development of Air Transport consultation and this advice will be followed. A letter from WINGS, a protest group, recommends opposition to runway extension proposals presently before N W Leicestershire District Council and this will be pursued.

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. In the absence of any assistance from Severn Trent Water or the Borough Council, it was agreed to arrange for Roma Landscapes to cut and tidy up the Melton Road frontage.

Dog Glove Dispenser. The licence has still not come through from the County Council and they have been reminded.

Seymour Road sign. This has been defaced by vandals and Irene Halliday of the Borough Council has agreed to try to clean it or, if necessary, to replace it. If the latter, the time scale is 6/8 weeks.

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Heritage/Tree Wardens Project. A submission by the Wardens for a 'Then and Now' map and for oak tree planting will be circulated for discussion next month.

7 PARISH PLAN

A letter from Mr Tony Edmonds draws attention to the need for registration under the Data Protection Act 1998. It was agreed to register, at a cost of £35.00 per annum. It was noted that the Steering Group intend to move on to a Village Design statement and their attention will be drawn to funding issues raised in the Countryside Agency guidance. Hazel Fish advises that funding is available immediately for community transport projects (this is a follow up to the recent Joint Councils presentation) and Mr Edmonds will be advised of this.

8 VILLAGE HALL

Notice of the AGM on 20th May has been received. Mrs Edmonds reported on the ongoing vandalism problems. The individual responsible for toppling part of the wall has been identified and has offered to pay. PC Tony Hewitt has been involved but there have still been incidents of damage to the dustbin, fence etc. There was discussion about temporarily removing the Millennium Bench which seems to be a focal point but the consensus was not to do so. Comments about lack of youth facilities were discussed and it was noted that the Parish Plan Group is addressing this issue.

The new litter bin has arrived and will be installed. Powergen have refunded £267.65 for electricity but have still not submitted a bill for gas. Standing Order payments continue on the same overall basis as before. The intention is still to compare Powergen prices with others once readings are available.

9 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The Somerset Estate Office advised that enquiries regarding the Countryside Rights of Way Act should be made with Messrs Bentons of Melton Mowbray. The deadline is 3rd July. They advise that, assuming an agreed value of £5/700 per allotment, the fee would be very small. (15 x £500 @ 0.5% would be just £37.50. It was agreed to delegate to the Chairman and Clerk to proceed on this basis.

The moles have been cleared from the burial ground and a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Peter-Everitt-Stewart who has promised to keep watch for any recurrence. Although Mr Minkley has retired from the Council, he has agreed to continue to handle burial arrangements etc. There has been no progress regarding the soil test but it was agreed to ask Mr Phil Spence whether Brooksby College could help. Consideration of proposed crosses for unmarked graves was deferred.

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10 PLAYING FIELD

The AGM is to be held on 19th May.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The H98 crossfield section from Barrow Road to Loughborough Road has still not been reinstated although Maureen Slatcher has been informed.

The Footpath Guide will now be distributed along with the Chairman's Reports. Assistance will be sought from Mr John Saunders who is arranging delivery of a number of items within the next week.

12 FINANCE

Messrs Hacker Young have finally completed the 2001/2 audit, more than six months behind schedule. It was agreed to write to Andy Reed MP complaining about the poor value for Council Tax payers in the latest Audit regulations. The fee will be £250.00 for virtually nothing, the internal auditor carrying out nearly all of the detailed work. It was agreed to purchase the latest update to Audit Guidance at a cost of £11.99. A new Receipts and Payments Ledger has been purchased at a cost of £44.46.

13 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the following cheques be authorised:

signed since last Meeting:

Ordnance Survey	map/Parish Plan	55.81
Barbara Stead	expenses, Parish Plan	215.95

for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	341.17
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	148.05
K E Topham	telephone calls	13.19
Hacker Young	audit	293.75
Glasdon UK Ltd	litter bin	93.51
Staples	office supplies	152.05
Shaw & Son Ltd	ledger	52.24
L&R APLC	audit inserts	11.99

14 MISCELLANEOUS

The Chairman has received an invitation to the reopening of the **Six Hills Hotel** on Friday next but, being unable to attend, has passed it on to the Clerk. Mrs B Crick of Sileby has been appointed **Parish Representative to the Standards Committee** and any Parish issues should be raised

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through her. An **ABC meeting** on 3rd June was noted. The **Charnwood & N W Leicestershire Primary Care Trust** advise that they have decided to attend APLC meetings rather than Parish Council meetings. A letter advising changes within the **L&R APLC** will be circulated.

The Chairman advised that he wished to raise the question of the Clerk's salary at the next Meeting and it was agreed that that this would be discussed in camera, together with the co-option of additional Members, at 7.00 p.m. on 10th June. The public will be admitted as normal from 7.30 p.m.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will include the election of officers, co-option arrangements, distribution of Annual Report and Footpath Guides, Traffic through Burton and Cotes, bund and airfield noise issues, WINGS runway suggestion and vandalism.

16 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A short session was held.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.11 p.m.

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THE BUND - developments since last Council Meeting (8.4.03)

- 1 Our initial response, opposing the bund, was sent to County Hall 9.4.03 as agreed at the last meeting.
- 2 The officer handling the application, Nigel Hunt, advises that it will not be put before the Development Control and Regulatory Board until 12th June, at the earliest.
- 3 The Environment Agency have objected to the application (16.4.03). A copy letter from Andrew Granger received today attempts to answer the Agency's concerns and now says that they have abandoned the idea of retaining the lower slope for agricultural production. Instead it will be landscaped with a mixture of trees, shrubs and grasses to enhance biodiversity.
- 4 The CPRE have also registered their opposition.
- 5 We sent a follow up letter to Nigel Hunt at County Hall with further comments, in particular casting doubt on the Noise Benefit assessments following a report from Councillor Sharpe's colleague, Dr D J Abbott.
- 6 We have registered that the Chairman wishes to address the Board, whenever the application is heard.
- 8 We have maintained contact with Charnwood Borough who, like us, are consultees. It appears that their Plans Committee will agree a response at their meeting on 12th June. It is of vital importance that they too oppose the scheme.
- 9 The petition (not a Parish Council initiative) was due to be handed to Cllr Kershaw today and contains 378 signatures.

Next steps:

The upcoming meetings of the Borough and County Councils are of critical importance. Much will depend on the officers' recommendations in each case. Tactics to be adopted will presumably depend on whether the recommendation is for or against. The Parish Council needs to liaise with County and Borough Councillors, and with the village as a whole, to obtain the maximum benefit from the public speaking opportunities and to influence Committee Members by all legitimate means, including strong turnout at the meetings.

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AIRFIELD NOISE - developments since last Council Meeting (8.4.03)

- 1 As agreed at that meeting, a strong protest at the events of 4th April was sent to Jonathan Hale at Charnwood Borough.
- 2 The total of complaints to Environmental Health from Burton residents about events that day was eventually confirmed at more than 50.
- 3 A further letter was sent to Mr Hale on 13th April querying the legitimacy of the new track, the track day event on 4th April and reminding him of the unanswered letter regarding commercial, non recreational activities on other occasions.
- 4 On 12th April there was an incident when nails, screws and tacks were strewn across the track, endangering the drivers. The Police were informed. Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe telephoned the Clerk and attempted to link this with what he called a campaign of disinformation by the Parish Council. This was totally rejected, whilst making clear that we absolutely condemn any such activities.
- 5 Officers of the Borough Council, including the Acting Head of Legal Services held a meeting taking account of what they saw on 4th April, representations from this Council and from then Councillor Shields and as a result notified Andrew Granger & Co on 28th April that all the activities referred to in (3) above need planning permission. Copies of this letter have been circulated and posted on Noticeboards, the website etc. We are not aware of any response from Andrew Granger as yet.
- 6 A second track day was held on 2nd May. This time, with a strong wind in the opposite direction, little noise was heard in Burton though Wymeswold Road, Hoton was badly affected. Our observations were sent to Mr Blitz that day.
- 7 The next event is scheduled for Friday, 6th June.

Next Steps:

The ball is currently in the court of the Prestwold Estate/Andrew Granger. Assuming they decide to apply for planning permission for these various activities, then the applications will go out for consultation to all interested parties including the Parish Council and the wider community.

KWD 13.5.03

**MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds,
Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th May 2003, at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: ten Local Government Electors

1 SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

All five Members nominated and returned unopposed on 1st May had signed the necessary Declarations. The Chairman congratulated Mr Sharpe on his election as Borough Councillor for The Wolds Ward.

2 PROCEDURE FOR CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

So far three individuals have offered themselves for co-option. It was agreed that nominations would be invited up to 30th May. Should there be more nominations than vacancies, the Council will meet in closed session before the 10th June Meeting to reach a decision. It was agreed that no formal application other than verbal consent to be considered would be required.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none, all Members being present.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING

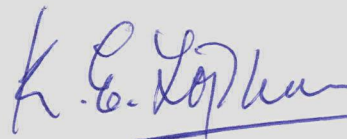
It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that the Minutes of the 14th May 2002 Annual Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

6 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried that Mr Topham be re-elected Chairman.



7 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that Mr Sharpe be Vice Chairman.

8 ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES

The following Members were elected as delegates to the bodies shown:

Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association	Mrs Saunders - proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Spicer
Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Comm.	to be filled after co-option of additional Members
Association of Airport Related Parish Councils	Mr Topham and the Clerk - proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Saunders
Wolds Joint Councils	Mr Sharpe - proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Spicer
British Gypsum Liaison Committee	Mrs Edmonds - proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Saunders
Wymeswold Airfield Liaison Group	Mrs Edmonds - proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Topham
Burton Primary School Governor (nomination only)	Mrs Edmonds - proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Topham

9 INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

An Inventory was distributed with additional purchases added and values updated as recommended by the Insurers. It was agreed that the office desk be deleted and that the second Basketball post be added to the first at a combined value of £4000. Enquiries will be made as to the merit of transferring items such as the 'Owl', railings etc. to the Village Hall cover.

10/11 REVIEWS OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTROLS

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that no changes were required to these recently implemented controls.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7.54 p.m.

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INVENTORY

Description	Sum Insured <u>2002/03</u>	Proposed <u>2003/04</u>	
Timber bus shelters	1643	1742	
Timber Notice Boards (3)	685	726	
Notice Board, Burial Ground	415	440	
Timber seats (6)	1096	1162	
Taps (2)	380	403	
Lamp Posts	1448	1535	
Millennium Bench	490	519	
Handbells (19)	2154	2154	
Pavilion	34227	36281	
Garage	2191	2323	
Reconditioned sports motor roller	1051	1051	
Office Desk	81		A
Filing Cabinet	60	60	
Photocopier	392		B
Epson CX320 All in one printer/copier		127	B
Laminator	240	240	
War Memorials	1400	1400	
'Owl' Sculpture	5304	5622	
Railings and Gates	3357	3558	
<u>Playing Field Association</u>			
Play Unit & Slide	4822	5111	
Other Playground Equipment	7595	8051	
Cricket Sight Screen	474	474	C
Perimeter Fencing of Tennis Courts	3378	3378	
Timber Seats (2)	270	287	
Timber Picnic Table	375	397	
Safety Surfaces	4545	4818	
Basketball Post & Net	1305	1383	
Pedal Roundabout	5272	5588	
Soccer mini goals	400	424	
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Notes

- 1 The Sums Insured have been index linked as suggested by Cornhill Insurance. Buildings, street furniture and playground equipment have been increased by 6%. The rest remain as last year.
- 2 Explanation of symbols overleaf:
 - A The office desk was never taken over from the previous Clerk; too small, very old. Suggest delete.
 - B The Xerox photocopier was replaced during the year by the Epson All in One machine.
 - C There is now a second Cricket Sightscreen. Is this the property of the Cricket Club, in which case we don't include in our inventory and don't insure?
- 3 Additional items this year:

Pavilion Clock	410
second picnic bench	385
litter bin at Village Hall	80) Should these be included in
flagpole and flags	430) Village Hall insurance?
- 4 Are there any other Playing Field additions, e.g. basketball nets?

KWD 5.5.03

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Burton on the
Wolds held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday
13th May 2003 at 7.20 p.m.**

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

Seven Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 14th May 2002,
were confirmed as a true and correct record, being proposed Mr Sharpe
and seconded Mrs Saunders. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

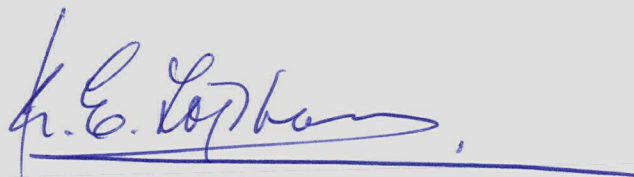
4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman distributed copies of his annual Report, which is attached to
these Minutes.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The Meeting was closed at 7.22 p.m.

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PARISH OF BURTON ON THE WOLDS
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2002/2003

Your Parish Council has again been very active in the last year and I am able to bring you a very upbeat report on our activities. Before doing so, however, permit me one gripe. Three of our Councillors retired at the elections in May this year and there was not a single nomination to take their places. This Report will show that much is being done and there is much still to do, but it is falling on too few shoulders. If you want our village to be a good place to live, then we must have more people come forward prepared to make a contribution.

Traffic and Highways. Our campaign to make the village safer has taken up more of our time than anything else and I am pleased to be able to report some successes:

- the bollard scheme installed at Fountain House corner, which created more problems than it solved at first, was modified in November and since then has given pedestrians added protection at that corner.
- countdown signs to the 30 mph zone on Loughborough Road were introduced in October, with assistance from County Councillor Tony Kershaw, and have had some effect in slowing inbound traffic
- a bigger scheme to slow the speed of vehicles entering Burton on Melton Road is well in hand, following a public consultation in March. It is hoped that work will commence on this quite soon.

Our preferred solution is to obtain a 7.5 tonne weight restriction to keep HGV's out of the village which, in turn, would permit more effective measures to slow speeding cars. At the same time we are campaigning hard for speed cameras. We are beginning to have some success with temporary cameras appearing for the first time under a new scheme at the beginning of May but it will be a long, hard battle yet before we achieve the success we all want.

Planning Matters. Our policy is not to intervene in planning issues, which are usually the preserve of the Borough Council, unless wider issues affecting the village as a whole or in part are involved. We always resist any attempts to enlarge the village 'envelope' into as yet undeveloped areas and we have taken a particular interest in the various schemes to build on the paddock alongside Burton Hall, taking residents' views into account. We do not oppose development there in principle but are insistent that it should conform to the outline permission dating from 1998 and should be of a standard and design to enhance the Hall and not add unduly to traffic problems. To that end I have twice addressed Borough Council committees alongside local residents and then Borough Councillor Robert Shields and am very pleased to say that we were able to convince them of the merit of our case.

Planned Housing Development, Brook Street/Melton Road.

This scheme, along with others in the Borough, has been on and off for years as the Borough Council, the developers, the Planning Inspectorate and many other parties have wrangled over its merits. It now seems to be 'on' again, so far as the Local Plan is concerned, and a formal planning application may well be lodged and put out for consultation shortly. We shall look at it very closely to see that it conforms to the various local requirements that have been requested over the years, not least the impact on local roads/traffic.

Wymeswold Airfield Activities. A major concern at present is the ever increasing range of noisy activities on the former airfield, made worse this year by the construction of a new 'race track' without planning permission. At the same time the Prestwold Estate have applied to build a huge bund between the airfield and Burton. The implications of all this are enormous and need not be repeated here. The Parish Council organised a Public Meeting and is leading opposition to these unwanted intrusions. Villagers are kept informed through the Notice Boards and website.

I should like to thank all those residents who have written to Leicestershire County Council in support of our position on the bund. In spite of some doubt expressed at the public meeting concerning the usefulness of protest letters, the effort has been well worthwhile and brought favourable comment from County Hall. Indeed this is the third occasion in the last seven months when I have received compliments from County Hall regarding the number and quality of letters submitted by Burton residents concerning traffic and environmental issues!

Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee. An extremely well supported and enjoyable party was organised on the Playing Field. An associated art/literature competition for all ages resulted in a splendid souvenir book as well as the unique Jubilee plate.

George Harvey Bequest. The balance remaining was spent on a flagpole and flags, lighting the Village Hall clock, a memorial clock in the Sports Pavilion and, shortly, a dog glove dispenser about to be installed on Melton Road.

Footpaths. In cooperation with the County Council, we have produced an illustrated leaflet of walks around the Parish and are pleased to enclose a copy when this Report is distributed to every home. Great thanks are due to those who contributed to this venture and they are acknowledged within.

East Midlands Airport. Our efforts, in conjunction with other local Councils, to lessen the impact of departing flights have had some success with fewer intrusive flights overhead now. There is a new threat though, with the Airport Authority wanting to authorise a new departure route directly overhead and we are doing everything we can to oppose this.

More briefly:

We are supporting the **Parish Plan Steering Group** with financial and other help.

We also continue to give financial support to both the **Village Hall Management Committee** and the **Playing Field Association**.

We have sought and obtained financial aid for a **new Bus Shelter** on Loughborough Road and expect the plans to be approved shortly.

There are many other things in which the Parish Council is involved: tending and planting trees; provision of litter bins, maintenance of the Burial Ground etc. We are represented on a number of bodies which can help to improve our environment, we are regularly consulted on all manner of issues by the County and Borough Councils, we have brought in new financial controls, a publication scheme to make information generally available and we have signed up to a demanding Code of Conduct.

There is much to do and we have done it all to the best of our ability, always with the best interests of our village and its inhabitants at heart.

Acknowledgments. Before closing, I would like to thank all those villagers who have given their services in so many ways to assist with our projects. Jubilee celebrations immediately come to mind but there are many other items and I thank everyone concerned.

I should also like to thank my colleagues on the Parish Council for their support, also our Borough and County Councillors, Robert Shields and Tony Kershaw respectively. Three of our Councillors, Denis Minkley, Margaret Pickford and Robert Moyle did not seek re-election. In particular I must mention Denis for his enormous contribution during the last fourteen years, including three years as Chairman. His experience and knowledge of the village has been invaluable to successive Councils and on a personal note I have been grateful for his good advice on a number of difficult issues.

Finally, I must thank our Clerk Ken Davies for all his work for the Parish Council and, not least, his support for and advice to me. I mentioned in last year's report the substantial increase in Ken's workload. An increasing amount of paperwork generated by central Government and the village traffic and environmental issues have made further demands on his time, and his efforts are much appreciated.

Keith Topham, Chairman

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th April 2003, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mr Minkley and carried that the Minutes of the 11th March Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and that the Chairman sign them accordingly.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Annual Meeting between Borough and Parish Councils (Item 15). The Clerk reported that, amongst other things, it was learnt that no decision had yet been taken about the introduction of 'wheelie bins' pending further investigation and that the planning/enforcement functions were experiencing difficulty recruiting suitably qualified personnel.

Declarations of Interest (Item 5). At a presentation by the Borough Senior Solicitor at the recent function for Parish Clerks, the Clerk had established that it is not necessary to declare an interest solely because a Member is a neighbour or near neighbour to a property for which a planning application is under discussion. If the neighbour is a relative or close friend then a personal interest should be declared. Members should bear in mind the perception of third parties in such cases; if in doubt it is better to declare than not.

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4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

The public consultation about proposed speed reduction measures through Burton was well attended and County TPI officers are now considering the views expressed before finalising the scheme. BURSAG have sent written comments and their copy letter will be circulated. The Chairman took the opportunity to speak to the County Director of Highways, Mr Bruce Jamieson, at the recent meeting between County and Parish Councils about the lack of speed cameras in the scheme and followed this up with a personal letter. A copy letter from Mr Derek Hemsley of Springfield Close reverting to the speeding problem at the western end of Burton will be circulated.

Mrs Spicer reported on the problems in Stanford Lane, Cotes. A further four to six week period of traffic light working over the A60 rail bridge has been announced. After discussion it was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried that a formal application be made to the County Council for a weight restriction on Stanford Lane. This will emphasise that, whilst overall numbers of HGV's may be low, it is the damage caused by even a single one rather than the volume which should be taken into account. Stanford Lane is simply not suitable for any such vehicles.

The Chairman reported briefly on the recent British Gypsum Liaison meeting which centred on speeding in Paudy Lane with little of direct relevance to our communities.

A meeting was held earlier today with two representatives of Wymeswold Parish Council, at their request. Their concerns centre on the loss of agreed traffic calming measures in Wymeswold due to the seeming withdrawal of a housing development in Wysall Lane which would have funded the scheme under a Section 106 agreement and also what they fear could be greatly increased use of the A6006 by heavy traffic due to proposed freight developments at and around East Midlands Airport. They have long wanted a bypass and now believe that a development of around 100 houses could fund a one mile bypass. Such a bypass could benefit Burton as well as Wymeswold and their suggestion is that the two communities could work together to this end. Other parishes such as Rempstone could also be involved. It was agreed that this could be of interest and further discussions could be held once the new Councils are in place after May.

New contact lists for Highway Services have been received from the County Council.

5 PLANNING

Mrs Edmonds declared a personal interest in Application P/03/0714 below.

Proposed Brook Street/Melton Road Housing Development. A letter has been received from George Wimpey East Midlands Ltd advising

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that they are developing proposals for this site and asking for suggestions for a public work of art under the Borough Council's 'Percentage for Art' scheme. It was agreed not to respond but to advise the Borough Council of the approach.

The following three Applications had response deadlines prior to this meeting and after appropriate consultations the Chairman had raised no objection in all three cases:

P/03/0550 - single storey extension to Pavilion, Towles Fields (BOTW PFA).

P/03/0573 - single storey extension at Horse Leys Farm, Burton (T Eggleston).

P/03/0714 - revised two storey extension at 16 Melton Road, Burton (W English).

The following new Applications were considered:

P/03/0729 - dormer extensions to 15 Barrow Road, Burton (Walker & Walker Ltd). No objection.

P/03/0908 - quadruple replacement garage at 4 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr D Allen). It was decided to object on the grounds that the proposed garage is intrusive in location and that the building is excessive in size for a domestic garage and is also too high.

Proposed development at Burton Hall paddock. Councillor Shields has supplied a copy of his formal letter of protest to the Borough Council dated 6th April at the handling of recent Applications. This followed our letter to him in January.

Councillor Shields has been advised that the developers are appealing to the Planning Inspector against the last two refusals and have also submitted a new Application. Full details are awaited.

Six Hills International Hotel. Copy of Notice of Application of Transfer of the Justices Licence to new owners has been received.

P/03/0107 - formation of bunds south of Wymeswold Airfield. There has been correspondence with Mr Peter Blitz, Area Team Leader in Charnwood Development Control about remarks he made to a Burton resident implying that the Parish Council was supportive of this bund proposal. It has been made clear that this is not so and Mr Blitz has acknowledged that he was mistaken.

The Public Meeting held on 25th March was attended by over a hundred people, all opposed to the proposal. Following that, the Council's objections were conveyed to the County Council and this response was publicised.

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Many residents have themselves written opposing the bund and those copied to us will be circulated.

A further letter has been received from the applicants enclosing a fresh report on tyre squeal attenuation. This has been circularised to members and a proposed reply drawing attention to deficiencies and contradictions in this report was agreed. Mr Sharpe will obtain the opinion of a business colleague who is an expert on acoustics.

The applicants have sent several further copy letters covering various aspects and reference is made to a letter from the County Landscape Officer dated 25th March, a copy of which will be requested. It will be suggested to Mr Nigel Hunt, the officer handling the application, that a further response be sent once these various freshly raised matters have been evaluated.

It is understood that the County are prepared to accept the petition, being independently organised by Mrs Frances Polak, at the end of April.

P/03/0610 - extension to agricultural road, Wymeswold Airfield.

This application, considered last time, seeks to extend the existing permitted agricultural way along the southern boundary of the former airfield. Although there were no grounds to oppose such an agricultural road, the bund proposal above proposes use of this road for construction traffic. It will be pointed out that such use is not agricultural and the Borough will be asked to make this clear to the applicants.

6 ENVIRONMENT

This item was advanced from No. 11 on the Agenda in view of the relationship to the previous items.

Wymeswold Airfield Activities. There has as yet been no reply from the Borough regarding Ford training activities and a reminder was sent on 29th March.

On 4th April a new kind of event was held on the airfield, a 'track day' on which 28 visiting vehicles used the newly laid circuit. The result was noise at a level never before heard in many parts of Burton on the Wolds, including higher areas which had not previously been troubled. Over 40 telephone protests were made that day to Charnwood Environmental Health and many to the Parish Clerk. Miss Beverley Green came out to see the situation for herself. Four further dates for such activities are advertised on the internet, the first of them on 2nd May.

During debate, concern was expressed that too much hostile publicity could be detrimental to villagers' interests and it was agreed that care should be taken. There is pressure from some sections of the community for a Public Meeting to air the issues but it was agreed that more information is needed



before there would be any benefit in this. A proposed letter of complaint to the Director of Community Engagement was agreed and will be publicised locally. This issue is clearly intertwined with that of the proposed bund and future action regarding either will depend on responses received.

Sturdee Poultry Farm. Beverley Green has responded that she is investigating a reported odour complaint relating to 15-18 February and will revert once she has heard back from the farm. She also enclosed dust statistics until December last and has requested more recent results.

East Midlands Airport. The Airport have replied regarding flights over Burton in February. The two incidents queried were both bmiBaby flights to Amsterdam which overflew Burton at an altitude above 4000 feet. The Airport only guarantees to hold the preferential routes until 3000 feet so it seems there is nothing to stop aircraft overflying once they have reached that height.

Future Development of Air Transport in the U.K. This consultation has reopened following the High Court ruling that possible new runways at Gatwick must be taken into account. Response is requested by 30th June and it was agreed to ascertain the AARPC attitude before replying.

7 PARISH PLAN

The Council is asked to comment on the latest draft questionnaire which should be ready for distribution in June. After perusal by Mr Sharpe, it was agreed to leave it to the judgement of the Steering Group.

A copy letter from Hazel Fish referred to the requirements of the Data Protection Act. She recommends a disclaimer on the questionnaire which is otherwise covered so far as the software is concerned. It was felt that no further action was required on behalf of the Parish Council which does not publish the village newsletter or control the website.

8 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford advised that the next 'Detour' entertainment, the return of Mayor and James, will be on 2nd May. Incidents of vandalism have been increasing. Amongst other things, the clock was interfered with and is now running 20 minutes slow. Mrs Edmonds is contacting the Police.

9 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

A letter from Moss Solicitors draws attention to The Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 which provides a once and for all opportunity to acquire a legal right of way over common land for landowners. This could apply to the allotments and it was agreed to speak informally to the Duke of Somerset's Agent in this regard. It is suggested that the Council might wish to advise

other property owners whose access is across the Common of the situation.

Mr Minkley advised that, following the comments from the War Graves Commission, the PCC have appointed G & J Lambert to tend the war graves section of the Burial Ground. Roma Landscapes will be advised accordingly.

10 PLAYING FIELD

There was nothing to report.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mrs Saunders advised that the cross field path from Barrow Road to Nottingham Road has been ploughed over and needs reinstating. Mrs Pickford had heard reports of youths riding scramble bikes over local footpaths. More information is needed.

12 FINANCE

The auditors have at last stirred, and requested an amendment to the Annual Return to bring the 2001/2 figures into line with those reported at the time. The discrepancy was due to the return to Receipts and Payments bookkeeping under the new regulations, and figures being picked up from the Cash Book which included internal contras between the Capital and Current Accounts. There was also a £15 unpresented cheque which was highlighted by the same change. It was agreed that the Annual Return be amended and returned to the auditors accordingly.

The pre-audit balance at year end 31st March 2003 was £14,016.62 which includes £2090.50 grant from the Countryside Agency for the Parish Plan held on account.

13 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	291.75
Staples	bund circulars etc.	27.12
RCC	subscription	25.00
L & R APLC	"-	202.40
L & R PFA	"-	15.00
L/Council Review	"-	11.59

14 MISCELLANEOUS

Members were invited to attend the **Joint Councils Liaison meeting** to be held in Burton on 22nd May. Bund and airfield issues will be included in

the Agenda, as will traffic issues including the proposed bypass.

The Chairman hopes to attend the **Mayor's end of year Civic Reception** on 2nd May. Letters from DEFRA on the **Quality Town and Parish Council Initiative** (which is coming to be seen as controversial and divisive), Melton Borough Council on the **Melton Local Plan** and The Boundary Committee for England on the **Periodical Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council** were noted, as was the Second Draft for Stage 2 Public Consultation of the **Leicestershire Community Strategy**.

16 PRESS RELEASE

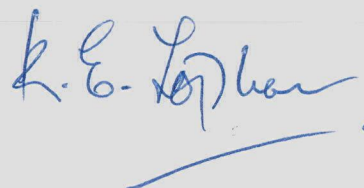
This will include the position regarding the Parish Council Elections scheduled for 1st May, traffic in both Burton and Cotes, the bund and airfield noise issues and the outbreak of vandalism in Burton.

17 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

It was requested that details of the current planning Conditions for airfield activities be made public and that details be made available of the membership of the County Council Board which will consider the bund Application.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman paid tribute to those three Councillors who are not standing for re-election, Mr Denis Minkley, Mr Robert Moyle and Mrs Margaret Pickford. He thanked them all for their contributions with particular reference to Mr Minkley, a Councillor for 14 years whose guidance and advice as a former Chairman was invaluable.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.02 p.m.



**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Prestwold.
held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Tuesday 10th May
2005 at 7.10 p.m.**

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr J Elliott
Mrs R Saunders
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, 11th May 2004, were confirmed as a true and correct record, being proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman distributed his Annual Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The Meeting was closed at 7.13 p.m.

PARISH OF PRESTWOLD

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2004/2005

This has been another busy year for the Council and I hope you will agree that we have been successful in looking after the interests of residents. The direct powers of a Parish Council are limited, but we can achieve a lot by influencing the County and Borough Councils, ensuring that they listen to local concerns. We can only be successful by ensuring that our input is well researched and clearly presented and I would like to thank our Clerk, Ken Davies, for his invaluable efforts in ensuring that this is achieved.

Burton Plantation. We were delighted to join with a large body of residents and with the Charnwood Borough and Leicestershire County Councils to purchase the former Fishpond Plantation last summer. We all had to move very fast to secure this splendid woodland for posterity and it would be hard to find a better example of Parish/Borough/County Councils joining hands with the community to achieve a common goal. The Plantation is, of course, open to all our communities and we hope to see residents of Prestwold and Cotes making use of it.

Traffic & Highways. Early last year we asked the Highway Authority for a 40 mph speed limit along a section of Prestwold Lane. This was agreed in principle and the long legal process is now under way. We hope to have a firm date for introduction later in the year.

Planning Matters. There have been two major issues over this last year, neither of them yet finalised.

The housing development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton received outline consent last June. Following vigorous representations, we were able to obtain a package of measures to ensure that substantial funds will be made available both for Burton Primary School and towards additional traffic calming measures. We have been heavily involved with both the Borough Council and the developer about the final shape of the development. Considerable progress has been made: on provision of an acceptable play area, location of affordable homes, an effective tree screen and stopping vehicle access to Brook Street. The major remaining disagreement is over three storey housing on the site, which we strongly feel to be out of character with Burton and which we shall strongly oppose when the application comes before Plans Committee shortly.

A great deal of our Council time has once again been taken up with resisting attempts to increase and expand the noisy activities on the old airfield. We have also fought against the construction of bunds on the airfield as we are convinced that any noise amelioration will be minimal, and insufficient to offset the disturbance caused by their construction. Despite having convinced various Borough Council Committees that these activities are unacceptable we are still waiting for an enforcement order to be issued. Once this notice is in place, we expect the applicant to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. We are disappointed that these battles with our neighbour continue, but clear public opposition means these proposals cannot be left unchallenged.

Financial support to local Voluntary Groups. The Parish Council continues to provide financial support to local groups, principally the Village Hall which received £2,750 towards Village Hall refurbishment, in addition to £922 towards insurance, power supply etc. £903 was given to the Playing Field Association, and the Neighbourhood Watch received assistance towards printing costs.

Environmental issues. The Parish Council works hard to ensure that the Borough and County Councils deliver a good service on street cleansing, grass cutting, road and footway repairs, footpaths, overhanging trees etc. We are pressing for Tree Preservation Orders on some of the fine old trees around Hall Drive, Burton and we shall shortly be placing floral planters at several village locations including one in Prestwold. We are disappointed that, despite playing a full part in campaigning against the plans of Nottingham East Midlands Airport to introduce a new departure route directly over some of our properties, the Airport will go ahead with its plans. We regret that the consultation had no independent appraisal and was therefore of limited value.

Acknowledgements. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all my Parish Council colleagues, our Clerk Ken Davies, the members of the Parish Plan Committee and the many Borough and County Council officers who have supported us over the last year.

Ian Sharpe
Chairman